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NORTHWEST ARCTIC SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
October 19, 1994
Alaska Technical Center
Kotzebue, Alaska

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walter G. Sampson, Chairman
Peter L. Schaeffer, Vice Chairman
James Moto, Secretary
Raymond Stoney, Member
Bert Griest, Member

Barbara Armstrong, Coordinator

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: I will call the Northwest Arctic
Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting to order at this
time. Roll call?
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6 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Walter Sampson?
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8 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Here.
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10 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Pete Schaeffer?
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12 MR. SCHAEFFER: Here.
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14 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Bill Bailey? Raymond Stoney?
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16 MR. STONEY: Here.
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18 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: James Moto?
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20 MR. MOTO: Here.
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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Louie Commack is excused. Bert
Priest will be late, and so is Bill Bailey.
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25 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. We do have a quorum, and all
of you should have a copy of the agenda. I want to welcome all
of you to the Regional Advisory Council meeting.
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29 At this time, we'll ask Ricky Ashby for an invocation,
please?
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32 MR. ASHBY: (Gives invocation) (In Inupiat)
Hallelujah. Glory to God. Glory to Yahweh, who tell us that
we have to be responsible over the land and the animals in
Genesis, and glory to just what's happening today, Lord. We
have representatives from our region today that are here to
represent this area and the people, so we just ask that you
give them wisdom and knowledge. And also we have people that
been visitors, Lord Jesus, and we just ask that you open their
hearts and their minds to what we have to discuss today in the
laws and regulations that you place upon our land. We just
thank you so much that these people have been here to attend,
and we ask for your blessing. In Jesus name, amen.
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45 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Thank you, Ricky.
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47 Again, I want to welcome all of you to our Regional
Advisory Council meeting, and this is a seven board member,
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appointed by the Secretary of Interior. And, again, as a Regional Advisory Council, we have a role. Our role basically is to make recommendations to the Secretary of Interior, of course, to our Regional -- or to the Board rather, Federal Board, through our regional office. And our mandate as a Board is to meet twice a year. If we have to meet on an urgent basis, then we try to work with the regional office to set up a meeting if we have to.

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9 Again, we don't have any authority to make any
 10 decisions; however, I think we do have a clout in regards to
 11 making good recommendations to make sure that the resources are
 12 out there for the public. And as far as this -- as far as this
 13 Board is concerned, our authority is basically under the
 14 Federal jurisdiction and none into the State and Federal -- or
 15 private lands.

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17 I have set up some times on the agenda. One of the
 18 reasons is that it seems like when we get into the discussions,
 19 we go into discussing different issues and at time we get
 20 carried away on things when we should be acting on issues.

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22 Thank you, Barbara.

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24 Before we continue, I would like to make -- or start
 25 our introduction process. We'll start with the gentleman over
 26 here with the -- in the back?

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28 MR. SHULTS: My name's Brad Shults. I work for the
 29 Park Service in Kotzebue.

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31 MR. BORBRIDGE: John Borbridge, subsistence specialist
 32 with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and member of the Federal
 33 Subsistence Staff Committee.

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35 MS. AYRES: Lee Anne Ayres with Fish and Game in
 36 Kotzebue.

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38 MS. MORKILL: Anne Morkill with BLM, stationed in
 39 Fairbanks.

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41 MR. REARDEN: I'm Mike Rearden with Fish and Wildlife
 42 Service here in Kotzebue.

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44 MR. PELTOLA: Gene Peltola, Fish and Wildlife Service
 45 Kotzebue.

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47 MR. GERHARD: I'm Bob Gerhard, National Park Service in
 48 Kotzebue.

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1 MS. MEYERS: Randy Meyers with the Bureau of Land
 Management in Kotzebue.

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 4 MS. HANKINS: Helen Hankins, Bureau of Land Management
 in Fairbanks.

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 7 MR. WHALON: Larry Whalon, National Park Service,
 Kotzebue.

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 10 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Helen

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 12 MS. DALLEMOLLE: Lois -- Oh, I'm sorry.

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 14 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Go ahead, I'm sorry. Do you want to
 all around here first?

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 17 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes, go ahead.

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 19 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: All right. Helen Armstrong. I'm
 with the Subsistence Office of Fish and Wildlife Service in
 Anchorage.

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 23 MS. DOWNING: Meredith Downing with R & R Court
 Reporters in Anchorage.

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 26 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Go ahead.

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 28 MR. ASHBY: Ricky Ashby, Noatak Community Advisory
 Committee.

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 31 MR. RAMOTH: Jonas Ramoth, Subsistence Liaison,
 Kotzebue.

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 34 MS. DALLEMOLLE: Lois Dallemolle, Park Service,
 Kotzebue.

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 37 MS. BURSE: Katherine Burse, Fish and Wildlife Service,
 Anchorage.

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 40 MS. DETWILER: Sue Detwiler with the Fish and Wildlife
 Service, Subsistence Office, in Anchorage.

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 43 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Barbara Armstrong, coordinator for
 the Arctic Region Councils.

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 46 MR. STONEY: Raymond Stoney, I represent Kiana.

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 48 MR. MOTO: James Moto, Deering.

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1 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Walter Sampson, member of the -- or
 2 chairman of the Regional Advisory Council from Kotzebue.

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 4 MR. SCHAEFFER: I'm Pete Schaeffer, vice chair.

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 6 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Again I want to welcome all of you
 7 to our meeting, and this regional board that we have is
 8 basically again to provide a forum for the public to use to
 9 express their opinions and also make recommendations through
 10 this process, so we do have a process in place that we can use
 11 to make recommendations in regards to management of resources.

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 13 There should be a copy of the minutes for the last
 14 meeting for the memberships, or for the Council members.

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 16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: The transcript

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 18 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Is there any -- go ahead.

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 20 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Was the transcript mailed out to
 21 each Council member?

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 23 MR. SCHAEFFER: Yes.

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 25 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes.

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 27 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. You guys chose to use that
 28 for minutes the last time you guys had a meeting.

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 30 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Is -- was there any changes or
 31 corrections to those transcripts to that last meeting?

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 33 MR. SCHAEFFER: Is there a need for action on that?

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 35 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Do we need to -- No, I don't think
 36 it's -- do we need action on approving those? No? Okay.

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 38 If not, we'll go on to the agenda. Is there any
 39 additions or deletions on the agenda?

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 41 MS. DALLEMOLLE: Mr. Chairman?

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 43 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes?

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 45 MS. DALLEMOLLE: I'd like to request that the Park
 46 Service be added at some point on the agenda. We have several
 47 items we'd like to bring to your attention.

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MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There's the Council/Staff/Agencies
comment, number 12.

MS. DALLEMOLLE: Okay.

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. We'll add NPS on there. Any
others? Public? Hearing none, what's the wish of the Council?

MR. SCHAEFFER: I'll move to approve the agenda.

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: There's a motion on the floor to
approve the agenda as amended. Is there a second?

MR. STONEY: Second.

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Second. Discussion?

MR. SCHAEFFER: Question.

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: The question's been called for. All
those in favor of the motion signify by saying "Aye"?

IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: All opposed, same sign?

(No opposing responses)

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Motion carries. We did the
introductions

MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: early on, so -- What we need
do, I don't know if you want to go ahead, or do you want to
wait for a couple more members to come in to go through the
election of officers before we proceed?

MR. SCHAEFFER: I don't think we should. I think they
had ample notice to show up here on time, and if they're
not

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay.

MR. SCHAEFFER: here, they probably have a good
reason.

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay.

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MR. SCHAEFFER: So in view of that, I nominate Walter Sampson for Chairman.

MR. STONEY: Second that motion.

MR. SCHAEFFER: I ask for unanimous consent, if there's no objection.

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Thank you, Pete Schaeffer. I guess notices were sent out to the membership and the membership should know that we had on the agenda election of officers to those positions, and -- I was hoping that we would make a change in chairmanship position, but I guess if the Council wished to -- for me to continue the chairmanship, I don't have any objections to it. It's just that it's getting to the point where overloading, where sometimes is becoming a little problems. However, I will try to make as many of our -- of the regional meetings and Federal Board meetings as much as I can. And I will do the best I can to continue that position. And, Pete, thanks for your nomination, and thanks for that confidence.

Vice chair position. Nominations are now open for vice chairman. Is there any nominations?

MR. MOTO: I nominate Pete Schaeffer.

MR. STONEY: Second that motion, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: There's a nomination for Pete Schaeffer. Is there any other nominations?

MR. SCHAEFFER: I move to close nominations and

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: There's

MR. SCHAEFFER: ask for unanimous consent, I don't know if

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: There's a motion

MR. SCHAEFFER: that's permissible, but it speeds things up a little.

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. Is there any objections to that request? Hearing none, Pete, you're vice chair.

Secretary. Is there nominations for secretary position?

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1 MR. STONEY: Mr. Chairman, I nominate James Moto for
2 secretary again.

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4 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: There's a motion on the

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6 MR. MOTO: Decline (ph) it.

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8 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: floor for James Moto.

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10 MR. MOTO: I nominate Raymond Stoney.

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12 MR. STONEY: I'll decline that motion, Mr. Chairman.

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14 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. Any other nominations?

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16 MR. SCHAEFFER: I would ask for unanimous consent also.

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18 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. There's a request for
19 unanimous consent. Is there any problems? Hearing none,
20 James, you're it.

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22 I know Borbridge loves to go through Robert's Rules.
23 Sometimes I think we sort of waive Robert's Rules process. You
24 know, when you start looking at and dealing with a whole
25 different environment out in the rural communities, it becomes
26 a little bit different ball game than you would in an actual
27 forum in Anchorage or in an urban community. So I guess you're
28 going to have to deal with the process that we go through.

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30 We do have some expiring dates on seat positions, Barb.
31 Do you have the listing of those?

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33 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I have the listing at -- it's back
34 at office, Walter.

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36 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. Who's

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38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Could I bring that up later?

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40 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay.

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42 MR. SCHAEFFER: What is the purpose of the discussion,
43 Mr. Chairman?

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45 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: I guess just to make aware of who's
46 terms are going to be

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48 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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1 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: be expired.

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3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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5 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: And try to get some recommendations
 6 for who to fill those vacancies, or for those folks. I think
 7 it's important that we think of getting some of these vacancies
 8 filled, especially we need to get people that will be involved
 9 in through this process, because this forum, some folks might
 10 think that it's not really a -- or doesn't have an authority to
 11 do things, but I think like I said, we do have enough clout to
 12 make good recommendations to the Federal Board, and we ought to
 13 take advantage of that process. And it's important that we
 14 find people that will be representing their communities
 15 throughout the Region, make their concerns, those issues known
 16 -- to this body, so we can act on those issues.

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18 MR. SCHAEFFER: So we're tabling the item for now?

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20 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: We can table the item for -- yes.

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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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24 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Item 7-D. Under

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26 MR. STONEY: Mr. Chairman?

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28 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes?

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30 MR. STONEY: Before we go any further, how long are you
 31 going to table this 7-D? What do you

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33 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: We'll wait until a couple other
 34 folks get in. Once they get in, then we can open it for

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36 MR. STONEY: Okay.

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38 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: discussions.

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40 MR. STONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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42 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Orientation of new members.

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44 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: The new member is not here.

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46 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay.

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48 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And then we can also table that if

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you want to.

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2 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. Bert

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4 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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6 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Bert Griest most of you know is a
new member to the Council, and basically Bert doesn't really
need a lot of orientation. He's worked in the -- in the system
for some time, and I think basically he just needs to
understand the role of this Council and the process that we use
to go through.

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13 Under old business, April of 1994 meeting. I think
Borbridge probably can fill in this -- fill in a little bit
better than probably I can in regards to that April meeting in
Anchorage, Federal Subsistence Board meeting.

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18 MR. BORBRIDGE: May I?

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20 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes, please.

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22 (Whispered discussion between Chairman Sampson and
Mr. Borbridge)

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25 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. Like -- the chairmen of all
the Regional Boards throughout the State always get invited to
the Federal Subsistence Boards, and the Federal Subsistence
Board met in Anchorage in regards to the proposed regulations.
And most of you know that the Federal Board had adopted the
State regs, and now are making some changes on some of the
regulations. And I -- and like I said, it's important, because
of the Federal Board's role in making -- in regulation changes
that we be part of the process, and that process is through
this Advisory Council. And because the Federal Board
understands the role of the Advisory Councils, they feel that
we understand more of what happens throughout the rural areas,
that they have a tendency to take our recommendations in
regards to proposed regulations. So with that, Borbridge can
go into it.

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41 MR. BORBRIDGE: Yeah. To expand further, Mr. Chairman,
excuse me, I would like to point out the background that
accompanies the creation of the Regional Advisory Council as a
way of pointing out to the Council, and to people who work with
the Council, that a great deal of importance is attached to
this whole idea of having subsistence users involved in the
decisions that are being made that affect the way they are able
to enjoy the taking and harvesting of fish and wildlife and

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2 As we all know, the President of the United States and
 Vice President have met with tribal leaders, and that meeting
 had been followed by a listening conference at which the --
 Some cabinet members of the President were present. That
 meeting in turn was followed up by the release by the President
 of an executive communication on the government-to-government
 relationship. And it really wasn't much later than that, in
 last August, that the Secretary of the Interior came to Alaska
 for the purpose of meeting with the native leadership, which he
 did in Dillingham, and at which time he announced the approval
 by him of nominations to membership on the Regional Advisory
 Councils across the State.

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15 And in October, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior
 for Indian Affairs, Ada Deer, signed what was published in the
 Federal Register, the listing of the tribal governments in the
 State of Alaska.

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20 In the meeting in Dillingham, the Secretary had at that
 time announced the importance that he attached to the
 involvement of the subsistence users in decisions that would
 affect their lifestyle, and he emphasized the importance of
 having the Regional Advisory Councils very much involved in the
 development, approval of regulations.

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27 As we look at the whole process, the fact is that in
 the Federal Subsistence Board process and Staff Committee
 process, and staff process itself, and how we develop
 regulations, the fact is that you are the experts in this
 process, and you are the reason why we are able to better
 understand the impact of regulations. And when you are
 concerned about any of these and seek modification, believe me,
 there is a sensitivity to that throughout all of the five
 agencies that are involved in the Federal Subsistence Board.

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37 I know, Mr. Chairman, this may not go precisely to the
 exact things that happened at the Board meeting itself, but I
 think this is the background that makes very clear where all of
 the agencies and, for that matter, the President and the
 Secretary see the Regional Advisory Councils fitting in. I
 would say that there's no question that you probably pack more
 muscle than you're using at the present time, but that, too, is
 going to evolve as you keep functioning, and you keep examining
 the number of things that you're able to do as a Regional
 Advisory Council.

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48 I hope this isn't viewed as wandering too far away from

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the subject, but it was prompted, Mr. Chairman, by the comments that you had made, and I thought it might be helpful to mention them. Yes?

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4 MR. SCHAEFFER: Thank you, John. I appreciate you showing up here. We had also done some work in terms of providing the Federal Board with some options in how we view perhaps management can be simplified. One of them was sort of an offshoot of a couple of the annual reports that we have done in terms of what's happening in this region, and -- for instance, the caribou have no biological problem; however, we have a significant user conflict problem. And what we had done was in terms with a partnership with the Noatak Advisory -- Kivalina Advisory Committee was to go through the process in terms of the State, and extended the controlled use area for the particular river, the Noatak, because of that conflict.

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17 I also was part of the author of an annual report that was submitted I believe back in 1993, and the annual report basically asked for some consideration of having a period of time where people can have their caribou needs met without so much interference with sports hunters, and I'm not sure what the status of that is.

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24 We also have, in terms of your remark, as to trying to understand what our powers are, if we do have a government-to-government relationship, and in terms of how the State had related to developing their program for management was basically a sports-oriented system that excluded native participation in the birth of it, so to speak. One of the things that I had done was read how the system was put together, referring to the minutes of the Constitutional Convention back in 1955 and '56.

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34 And I think what's going to have to happen at some point is that the Federal Board is going to have to take a more active role in terms of not only specifically for proposals as such as we go through this process of modifying some of the old State proposals, but I think in terms of an exempting proposal, which we submitted, which basically gives the Federal Subsistence Board oversight authority and allows local folks to develop their own regulations. And the purpose for that is that we have a growing need for more of a focus on the user conflict problem, and not necessarily the biological problem, which, by the way, the Board of Game is very limited in what they can do. And I think with the power of the Federal Government though is that what can possibly happen is that if such a management system was being put together in terms of doing things differently, I think that was the main reason why

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we had submitted that proposal.

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2 We also saw some correspondence in term of -- in terms
3 of the two-part letter to the Federal Government, and asking to
4 extend their regulatory authority on -- to include fishing, and
5 so also include lands other than Federal lands. And I was just
6 wondering if there's any discussion as far as the Federal Board
7 is concerned in terms of where that is right now?

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9 MR. BORBRIDGE: Mr. Chairman. Yeah, thank you really
10 for all of the information and observations. I did want to
11 add, too, Mr. Chairman and members, that it's important to note
12 that in the evolution of the powers of tribal governments that
13 right now with their listing in the Federal Register and the
14 signature by the Assistant Secretary, that the statement makes
15 clear that they're viewed as having the same powers as tribal
16 governments in the South 48.

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18 There is still aspects of tribal governmental powers
19 that are undergoing litigation at the present time, one is with
20 respect to Indian country. And the best way to explain Indian
21 country is that when there is Indian country and a tribe has
22, then all of the tribal governmental powers spring into
23 being, and they are available for use by the tribes. That part
24 of it is still being worked yet.

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26 It's also true, Mr. Chairman and members, that the
27 current process that allows cooperative efforts such as can be
28 done under Section 809, Cooperative Agreements, is the one that
29 governs where we're going now. I've also heard, however, a
30 number of organizations say that down the road they want to
31 examine the feasibility of co-management, and that's going to
32 evolve as more and more questions are resolved in court about
33 the tribal governmental powers.

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35 I didn't want to refer to the tribes and cause any
36 confusion at all, but what I did want to say is that there is a
37 fair recognition by the top echelon of the Federal Government
38 to how important these matters are, that changes are
39 occurring, that there is more recognition of this happening,
40 and that as these things evolve, we in the Federal agencies are
41 going to be working very hard to stay up with it as possible
42 all of these developments.

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44 MR. ASHBY: Mr. Chairman?

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46 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes?

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48 MR. ASHBY: I'm Rick Ashby, Noatak Advisory Committee.

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Since you guys are litigating these things, why isn't Noatak been advised and is there -- why is there no representation? Because right now as it is, we have white entities steal the Bowl (ph) and lock up the revenues and stuff, and it's goes to the board (ph) and we're not knowing what the powers are taking away or adding. We should have somebody representing Noatak be able to see where we're going, because we're having a hard time with State as it is to be able to do anything. We're not recognized by the State, we're not a first or second, third or fourth class city, and our only hope is through the BIA and all the list (ph) that we -- all of our 630 needs (ph) and things go through the BIA, and I think that should be communication directly to the village itself, you know, because we're in the vicinity.

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15 (Whispered discussion between Ms. Detwiler and
16. Borbridge)

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18 MR. BORBRIDGE: What you're saying is that Noatak was
19 not listed?

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21 MR. ASHBY: No, I'm saying you were mentioning that you
22 guys were litigating these issues, and we still hold on to the
23 charter, because we're not recognized by the State. And if you
24 guys are working on these different things like this, we should
25 be able to be represented, somebody from our village should be
26 here

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28 MR. SCHAEFFER: Mr. Chairman?

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30 MR. ASHBY: listening, because that's what we
31 voted on (indiscernible).

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33 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Just a second. Pete probably can --
34 go ahead.

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36 MR. SCHAEFFER: Yeah. Noatak has the distinction of
37 being the only village in this area with no municipal
38 government, and that's what Ricky's referring to. But in fact,
39 part of the participation has been the presence of Bill Bailey
40 on some of these things, so I think the representing part is
41 probably okay. It's just that how you, you know, deal with the
42 communications beyond this body.

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44 I'd like to say to Noatak's Council, I would that
45 perhaps you -- if you want to add an item to your agenda at
46 some point to have maybe somebody from this group go up there
47 your meeting to tell them the current state of affairs as to
48 where we are right now, it would probably take a couple of

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meetings, because it's kind of a long chain of events that has occurred, so I would probably make that recommendation for your Council to consider.

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4 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: John?

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6 MR. BORBRIDGE: And since I am with the Bureau, although I work on subsistence, still when there are inquiries that I'm able to help by directing them to appropriate people within Bureau, I'm always glad to do that. And if anyone does have some questions, and I may not necessarily have the answer, but I can take them back to Juneau with me. We can always, Mr. Chairman, whoever wishes to, get together during the break, and if I can help out in any way, why I'll be glad to.

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15 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Maybe we can talk about that during a short break in a bit. Any questions or comments in regards to what's been discussed here?

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19 MS. DETWILER: I do have

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21 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes?

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23 MS. DETWILER: a comment that I think Mr. Schaeffer was asking what the status of the petition that had been sent forward to the Secretaries, asking them to make a Federal rule saying that the Federal subsistence program does have authority over State and Native selected lands as well as the authority to regulate fish and wildlife taking off of Federal lands if it affects subsistence on Federal lands. And that petition for rule making is going to be published for public comment any time now. It's on its way back to Washington, D.C., and it will be published, and there will probably be a 60-day comment period for people to review what the petition says and make their comments on it. So that's where that stands.

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37 MR. SCHAEFFER: Thank you.

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39 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: So end of November, probably middle part of December for sure,

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42 MS. DETWILER: Uh-huh.

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44 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: do you know?

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46 MS. DETWILER: Yeah. And you -- I -- Mr. Schaeffer, you also had some comments annual report that was done last year, and we never responded to that. That's a mistake on our

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part. We will be drafting a response to that. And I talked with Dick Pospahala about those annual reports yesterday, and he told me two things. One was that we will be responding to those reports, what's in those reports.

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5 And the other issue that's tied in with the reports that you had mentioned was that those reports also referred to 7- or asked for authorities and ways of managing things that are outside of the purview of this Federal program. They deal with marine mammals, some of the reports do. I'm not sure if yours did or not.

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12 It also dealt with delegating authority for subsistence management outside -- or outside of the Federal Government. That's something that's beyond the purview of the Federal board 15 do right now.

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17 And so since -- so those two things, the fact that they dealt with marine mammals and maybe migratory birds as well in some other annual reports, as well as delegation of authority 20 non-Federal Government entities, those things are -- need to be elevated to the people back in D.C., and Dick Pospahala assured me that he has made a commitment, he made it to Sheldon Katchatag at a previous meeting and said that, you know, that 24 still holds, that he's going to follow up on that back in D5C., so it -- it's something that's still being worked out.

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27 MR. SCHAEFFER: In terms of aligning some of the discussion and having a forum for argument, at what point does 29 that opportunity occur?

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31 MS. DETWILER: What opportunity?

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33 MR. SCHAEFFER: Well, if Mr. Pospahala is in fact conveying our situation to Washington, at what point do we have 35 put into what he's going to be interpreting for us in Washington?

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38 MS. DETWILER: Through your comments here as the Council. Dick would have liked to have come to this meeting, but he has other -- had other commitments. There's -- I can't speak for him, I can't set, you know, a certain date or a certain time, but I'm sure that's it's not just going to be one way communication. And I'll relay your concerns to him as well, that you want to have a little bit more

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46 MR. SCHAEFFER: Does Mr. Pospahala have an official title in terms of being our voice in Washington?

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MS. DETWILER: An official title. He -- well, his capacity is as the head of the Subsistence Management Program for Fish and Wildlife Service, which is the lead agency for Subsistence in Alaska, so that's the mantle that he wears when he goes back there.

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MR. SCHAEFFER: So he is the -- officially the Native Liaison person for Fish and Wildlife Service?

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MS. DETWILER: I knew you were getting to that -- to that title. He -- the Native liaison position is a position -- it's a set of duties that was recently established. As John Allred to, the Clinton Administration wants the agencies to put more emphasis on the government-to-government relationship between the U.S. Government and the tribes. So what the Fish and Wildlife Service as an agency has done, has established a high level position within each of the seven regions in the nation to serve as what they call a desk, the Native Liaison Desk for Native issues. And they're duties that are assigned to people that are pretty high up in the organization.

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So the position that Dick is in right now is most closely associated with Native issues. The Subsistence Assistant Regional Director for Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska is the one that's most knowledgeable of Native issues in Alaska, so that's the position that has the duties of being the Native liaison for Fish and Wildlife Service.

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And that's a fairly new position. The mechanics of how it's going to work are still being worked out. And Dick said he would be sending out letters to the Councils to let them know more about how it's going to work as soon as he finds out how it's going to work.

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MR. SCHAEFFER: So that was an offshoot of the meeting that Clinton had with the tribal leaders sometime back? This group that Dick is the representative to? I assume there's -- if it's Region Seven, there must be six others

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MS. DETWILER: Yeah. Uh-huh.

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MR. SCHAEFFER: somewhere, so is that a seven-member group or

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MS. DETWILER: It's the group of -- it's strictly for Fish and Wildlife Service, it's just the Fish and Wildlife Service regions. And so that constitutes the group of Fish and Wildlife Service people who are -- work together as a group to help put more emphasis on these --

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on the government-to-government issues in the Clinton Administration.

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3 MR. SCHAEFFER: So does this also include the
4 Enforcement Division for Fish and Wildlife Service also, or is
5 it separate?

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7 MS. DETWILER: I can't say for sure, but I -- since
8 there's only one desk in each region, and they encompass the
9 entire region, I would assume that they include enforcement.

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11 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Where -- is there -- I guess I just
12 can't quite picture a Native liaison position for the -- that
13 -- Is BIA somewhere involved in through that process, or
14 what

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16 MS. DETWILER: I'm not sure how BIA is handling it.
17 BIA is the same level agency as Fish and Wildlife Service. BIA
18 and Fish and Wildlife Service are like brother and sister.
19 They're equal. They're not together. They're separate, but
20 they're both within the Department of Interior. So you have
21 the Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt, up here, and then
22 you have several agencies underneath. You have Fish and
23 Wildlife Service, you have BIA and you have Park Service, BLM.

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25 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: I guess maybe I'm not question- --
26 I'm not directing my question right there. If we're going to
27 have a Native Liaison in that position, wouldn't you think that
28 someone, maybe possibly a Native, in that position would
29 represent the native groups rather than somebody else other
30 than Native would? I don't

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32 MR. SCHAEFFER: I can respond to that.

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34 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: know if that's a
35 legitimate

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37 MR. SCHAEFFER: I can respond to that. I don't think
38 there's a Native in a level similar to Pospahala to fill the
39 position. Is that probably the case?

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41 MS. DETWILER: (Nods affirmative)

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43 MR. SCHAEFFER: Yeah.

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45 MS. DETWILER: Within Fish and Wildlife Service, right.

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47 MR. SCHAEFFER: Well, I guess for purposes of record,
48 so, then, I would forward a request from this group to

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Mr. Pospahala then that in fact if he is going to be representing us that we have some forum to share some theories, at least clarify for some difficulty that may be misinterpreted in our intent.

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5 I know -- and I understand what you're saying in terms
6 of some of the request that we made in our annual report was
7 out of the scope of the authority, but in fact when you go
8 through every study done on Native peoples, the problem is that
9 hunting is not idealized correctly in terms of how the
10 governments are trying to regulate the Native people.
11 Basically that's what they're trying to do, which is very
12 difficult in the scope of limitations, whether you're talking
13 about subsistence, so my concern is that if it goes behold
14 that, you know, what interpretation would Mr. Pospahala convey
15 to those folks?

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17 Because to us, that's a key element in terms of how we
18 are going to be channelling these through to maybe a higher
19 authority for some resolution at some point, whether you're
20 talking about marine mammals, whether you're talking about
21 terrestrial animals, birds for that matter, are all under
22 different treaties which we were not party to at the time they
23 were developed. I mean, some are so blatant as to allow a
24 hunting season for geese or migratory birds for example, by the
25 time the season opens, they're long gone up in Barrow, and half
26 of them gone out of here, so you know, how could those kinds of
27 things be resolved when you have to go clear up to the treaty
28 itself to make the amendments, or propose the amendments and
29 have yourself stuck out there like a sore thumb for every fool
30 shoot at you in terms of disagreement, you know?

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32 Because we are now see advents of increasing political
33 clout, like say the greenies. We are seeing more and more
34 political clout by the animal rights groups that in our view
35 really need some kind of an education other than Bambi when
36 they're small, Lassie when they're bigger, and then Grizzly
37 Adams when they're older. And to us, I think, that the message
38 we're trying to get across to them is that -- I think the same
39 message that the guy that wrote this thing, Sheldon Katchatag,
40 is trying to say. How can we fit the regulation of Native
41 folks if the human rights arena is where we're really talking
42 about. We're almost like barking up the wrong tree.

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44 So I impress again that if Mr. Pospahala is going to
45 Washington, that we have some forum for some discussion prior
46 to him leaving, and in turn to have some information back to us
47 to what's happening as far as this new position is
48 concerned, which we'd really appreciate that.

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1 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Thanks, Pete. I think that was the
 2 direction or the question that I was trying to leading to, was
 3 maybe that the lack of trust is where maybe where I was trying
 4 to convey to you.

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 6 When you have a high level position that you try to
 7 work with in the past, and have at times some confrontation in
 8 regards to some of the issues, and he/she being the
 9 representative for the Native groups, then it becomes a problem
 10 for us, because that trust is not there. And I guess our
 11 question would be, how is he or how would he interpret our
 12 issues, our message to the Interior with regards to is he
 13 interpreting them in a different manner than the way we want
 14 the message to be taken? This is what I was going after, and
 15 I'm glad Pete did bring out the issue there. I think that is
 16 an important issue, and that Dick in the future, you know,
 17 because of the importance of that position, that he be here, so
 18 that way we'd have some rapport with regard to discussing the
 19 issues that he would be presenting to the Interior or to that
 20 committee.

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 22 Do you have anything, John?

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 24 MR. BORBRIDGE: Mr. Chairman, just this, that, with
 25 apologies to BLM, and an invitation to correct me if I'm wrong
 26 any point. They, too, as an agency are in the process of
 27 having liaisons who will advise the regional directors, and I
 28 apparently BLM is having one for each of the regions, and I
 29 think they're going to be headquartered Albuquerque, if I heard
 30 correctly,

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 32 MS. HANKINS: In Santa Fe.

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 34 MR. BORBRIDGE: and that Alaska will be treated
 35 as a separate region, and will have its liaison. Is this
 36 correctly correct? And

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 38 MS. HANKINS: Yeah, that there will be one in Alaska
 39 that is based in our office in Anchorage, and that person will
 40 advise our state director, but will actually report to

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 42 MR. BORBRIDGE: Uh-huh.

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 44 MS. HANKINS: a National Native Program
 45 Coordinator based in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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 47 MR. BORBRIDGE: Which simply means all Native issues,
 48 it will be

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1 MS. HANKINS: No, all issues.

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3 MR. BORBRIDGE: Yeah, that's right. And as I recall, I
 4 think the current intention is that this will be advertised?

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6 MS. HANKINS: That's correct. The -- I'm not sure
 7 where it is in the process, but I know that the position
 8 description has been written, but as far as I know, the
 9 announcement of the position hasn't come out. But I'll check
 10 on that,

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12 MR. BORBRIDGE: Okay.

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14 MS. HANKINS: and get word back out here.

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16 MR. BORBRIDGE: All right. So that position then
 17 apparently as planned, will be advertised, which means that
 18 knowledgeable people, Native and non-Native within the State
 19 will be able to apply, and to seek a position.

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21 The Bureau of Indian Affairs hasn't indicated any
 22 organization or anything like that with respect to these
 23 matters that are going on, but that doesn't mean that they may
 24 not in some way seek to focus on some of these things by maybe
 25 delegating more responsibility here and there, but we as an
 26 agency haven't responded yet to this.

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28 The position of liaison can be viewed as people within
 29 the agency who possess the knowledge, have the contacts, if
 30 they don't have the answers, they know where to get the
 31 information from the Native people and tribes, and are able to
 32 convey these to the regional directors. In some organizations,
 33 they're also viewed as sort of advocates within the agency not
 34 passively conveying information to regional directors, but
 35 pointing out the good and feasible reasons as to why something
 36 should be seriously considered. I guess in part that's what
 37 you were asking, is how actively some of the liaisons might be
 38 acting on behalf of Native people as well as being the bearers
 39 of information on the issues.

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41 By the way, those of you that were at AFN recall that
 42 Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior, Deborah
 43 Williams, made reference to the liaison position that was -- is
 44 being worked on by BLM, and which position apparently will be
 45 advertised. And she and apparently on behalf of the Secretary
 46 regarded that as a forward kind of a step.

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48 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes, go ahead?

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1 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: I don't know if it's appropriate,
 But I am sort of curious as to who made the appointment for
 Mr. Pospahala as Native liaison? And I guess you went around
 it, but you didn't name his title or anything (indiscernible).
 5 And one might take this, if he's going to be the Native
 Liaison representing Native interest, then what authority does
 Coordinator, Regional Council Staff, what authority do they
 have, what's their purpose? You know, that seems to it isn't
 present, to make -- they're just complementing the law, and not
 10 I guess it's the issue of control, the -- what Walter just
 alluded to earlier was the lack of trust. And it seems coming
 along with every regional council that's -- you know, that's
 just in this forum is the issue of control and the lack of
 trust I think, and those are questions I think that need to
 come up.

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17 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes, go ahead.

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19 MS. DETWILER: To answer your first question -- well,
 20 begin with my name is Sue Detwiler. I work for the Fish and
 Wildlife Subsistence Office in Anchorage, and

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23 UNIDENTIFIED: Can't hear.

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25 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Can you speak up a little bit so
 26 people can hear you?

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28 MS. DETWILER: Oh, okay. In answer to your first
 29 question about who appointed Dick Pospahala, the directive came
 down from the Director of Fish and Wildlife Service, Molly
 Beatty, to appoint somebody at a fairly high level. And the
 decision on who to appoint was left up to the regional
 directors, and so for the Alaska Region, that director -- the
 director who's currently Dave Allen, he made that appointment.

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36 And in response to your comment about how this relates
 to the Regional Councils, it doesn't replace or control or
 affect the Regional Councils at all. The Councils are
 separate. Their duties haven't changed. The duties are still
 the same ones that are listed in Title Eight, which is to
 provide the local people an avenue for making their
 recommendations for subsistence management.

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44 This -- the Native liaison position is something that's
 45 different. It's additional to what the Council is doing. It's
 separate, and it's additional. It deals not just with
 subsistence issues, but also with other issues affecting
 natives in Alaska, so the two are really sort of -- they're

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separate, but they're complimentary.

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2 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Well, it's just sort of odd that,
3 you know, a high level person would be appointed to a position
4 like that. It seems to me that a lot of concerns would be
5 suppressed or avoided, and that direct Native interests, you
6 know, may -- they had thought the same thing about appropriate
7 concerns to be convey properly, and not suppressed or avoided.

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9 MS. DETWILER: Yeah.

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11 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: I think that's the big interest
12 statewide. It just -- I mean, it just seems like there's a
13 conflict with a bureau official being in this -- as a liaison.

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15 MS. DETWILER: I don't know that they would suppress
16 anything. That's not their job. Their job is to convey that
17 information, the Native liaison position, and as far as
18 suppressing any information, they don't have any influence over
19 what the Council does. If the Council has an issue that needs
20 be brought to the Secretary, all it has to do is present
21 that issue to the Secretary. There's no way for a Native
22 liaison to suppress that information, if for some reason they
23 wanted to.

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25 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: I mean, I'm just making that

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27 MS. DETWILER: Yeah.

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29 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: I mean, it seems to be open to that.

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31 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: We can continue discussing this
32 issue. Let's take a ten to 15-minute break, and then once
33 we'll get back, we'll continue the discussion or the dialogue.
34 So we'll take a ten-minute break at this time.

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36 (Off record)

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38 (On record)

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40 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: We will reconvene at this time,
41 please, and let me update as to where we're at. Bert, you
42 should have a copy of our agenda. We're down to discussion
43 order eight, under old business, 8-B. And we will go through
44 the process of orientation a little bit with you, because
45 you're a new member. And you should have a booklet anyway that
46 shows you what the role is here.

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48 We went through our election process. I will continue

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the chairmanship. Pete is vice chair, James Moto as the Secretary. And you as a member. Raymond Stoney and Bill Bailey. This is a seven board council.

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4 In regards to the discussion before our break, I think
5 that it is important for this Council to look at the
6 appointment of Pospahala into a position, because I feel that
7 if we're going to have a representative, we need to find or get
8 a representative into that position that have the knowledge of
9 what happens within the rural areas.

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11 It's easy for you and I to agree to different issues
12 when you work in the office position. And when this -- when
13 decisions are being made at the office level, without any
14 knowledge of the impacts it has on the rural areas, then it's
15 devastating for those folks that are being impacted out in the
16 communities, because subsistence to us is a very livelihood for
17 our communities and our Native membership. It's important for
18 all of us that are involved in through this process to be heard
19 issues that relates to the uses of those resources
20 throughout the rural communities.

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22 I think it's only fair that this Council take a
23 position, maybe even go one step further in writing a letter to
24 Ms. Beatty in regards to the appointment of Dick Pospahala as a
25 Native liaison. The discussion in regards to Dick representing
26 the Natives, because of the positions that he's taken in
27 regards to subsistence issues at times, and we know the
28 positions that he takes, I think it's only fair that we be
29 heard, and make any recommendation to Ms. Beatty in regards to
30 the appointment of Dick Pospahala on the Native liaison
31 position.

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33 With that, is there any comments from the Council
34 members? Go ahead.

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36 MR. GRIEST: Mr. Chairman, I would agree that we need
37 somebody that's fairly intimately knowledgeable of the
38 intricacies of what it takes to survive out there in the
39 villages. And some of the positions that some of these
40 agencies and/or some of the staff members of the agencies take
41 at times might not seem so impacting to those of use that live
42 the villages, but when -- a lot of times you'll find that it
43 really doesn't fit well with what their position is or what
44 they're recommending. Seasons, dates, or how you go about
45 coming up with ways and means of obtaining the resources, and
46 cetera.

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48 I think under Section 13-8 of ANILCA there was a

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thought at the time that we would fill as much Native people to be hired in these conservation system units, or in the management of them. When ANILCA was passed. That was the section that AFN and the Native community fought real hard for, and I think that we should take a look at that section and make sure that we find somebody particularly from our area that -- or from the rural areas where subsistence is really a daily practice, and try to fill that position with somebody that has that background.

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10 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Pete?

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12 MR. SCHAEFFER: In addition to Bert's comments, I think there's also some significant questions as to, you know, what the position entails, and who is on it, and why, what is their scope of power in terms of what it is that they're going to be doing. And with that, I make motion that perhaps this body authorize a letter to be put together with all of the above stated.

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20 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: There is a motion on this floor that this body put together a letter to I assume to Beatty, to

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23 MR. SCHAEFFER: Yes.

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25 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Ms. Beatty in regards to what the discussions were here today. Is there a second?

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28 MR. GRIEST: I second it for discussion. In the strongest possible terms that we utilize the section, I think that was 1308, that we start hiring Native Americans into the management of these conservation system units. I think there's been a very poor, in nonexistent, if any on the hiring of Native Americans to the management of these conservation system units.

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36 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: There's been a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion?

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39 MR. SCHAEFFER: For discussion,

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41 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes?

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43 MR. SCHAEFFER: if you don't mind, I'll draft the letter.

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46 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. Pete will draft the letter. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, signify by saying aye?

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1 IN UNISON: Aye.

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3 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: All opposed?

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5 (No opposing responses)

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7 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: The motion carries.

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9 We'll go down to 8-C. Pete, do you have any reports
10 you'd like to

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12 MR. SCHAEFFER: I think we basically covered that in
13 some of our previous discussion.

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15 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. New business. Nine. Council
16 information exchange. Is there any information from the
17 Councils in regard to any issues that we need to know about?
18 Discussions?

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20 MR. SCHAEFFER: I think we, Mr. Chairman, we

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22 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes?

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24 MR. SCHAEFFER: kind of discussed that in this
25 previous discussion here, so we can just go on to the next one.

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27 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. C and T on Northwest Arctic.
28 Helen?

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30 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I wanted to
31 give a little brief informational discussion to start out with
32 about C and T and what we're doing in the State, how we got
33 where we are, just to help people come up to speed, especially
34 for people who are new.

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36 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Excuse me, Helen, before you proceed
37 continue, I'm sorry. I apologize for not introducing for
38 the record, Bert Griest is now in, and Bert is a newly
39 appointed Council member from Selawik.

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41 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: When the Federal Subsistence Board
42 Federal Subsistence Program came into being, at that point,
43 although we knew that we would want to change C and T
44 determinations statewide, there wasn't the time to do that, and
45 what the Federal Board did instead was to adopt all of the
46 existing C and T determinations that the State had had. And
47 the State predominantly had done them, I mean, this is a
48 generalized statement, but statewide for all of the large

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mammals. They never got to the point of doing the small furbearers, and they didn't do all the mammals. They -- black Bear in many places of the State doesn't have any determinations as well. We

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CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: For purposes of those folks that don't understand what C and T is, it's customary and traditional is what she's referring to.

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MS. H. ARMSTRONG: What that -- and what that means is the -- we -- a determination is made to decide who -- which -- "who" being what communities, not what individuals, but what communities have customarily and traditionally used those areas, and what those areas are. So that there will be -- the determination will list the community or communities, and then it will also tell what region, and it might be a portion of a unit, or it could be the whole entire unit.

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When we did our EIS, we asked for comments on those C and T determinations, and we got over 200 requests for changes. We then used those requests to set priorities as to which ones we needed to do first. We had a very small staff to begin with, we're a little bit larger now, and it's been, you know, a slow process just because of that.

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We're finally in the stages of wrapping up our first customary and traditional use determination reports. And the Federal Subsistence Board will be making decisions on those in the spring. We have one for the Upper Tanana Region and one for the Kenai Peninsula. And I think for -- in last April we were at the point of coming to try to come to some conclusions on the Kenai Peninsula when the Regional Council Chairs said, "Wait a minute. We're going to fast. These are going to be precedent setting. We need to slow down." So at that point we slowed down our process, gave people time to review the report and then -- and time to give us comments and recommendations on those.

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The Federal Register notice is -- will be coming out probably -- it will be sent to Washington sometime the last part of November on Kenai and Upper Tanana, and then it will be open to public comment for 60 days, roughly the end of December into January and February. When we come back to have our winter meeting here, we'll be asking if there are any comments that people have on those determinations that will be in the Federal Register.

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And at that point it will be -- I think it will be really important for people to review what's coming out,

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because the decisions made on those reports will have some bearing on what happens to people in the future. It doesn't -- might not have as much impact in Kotzebue, because this is a predominantly homogenous region, and it's not road connected, but for the road-connected communities, it's going to have some impact, because we'll have communities like Ninilchik, which is 80% Native, and decisions to -- of whether or not they should have customary and traditional uses, and then communities like Tok, which is I believe about 11% Natives. You've got a real mixture of people in these areas, and people who come in and have a customary and traditional use of those areas for a long time.

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13 Right now the ones we're -- the C and T determinations we're working on, I'm doing the North Slope, all of 26(B) and 16), which is east of the Colville River over to the border. We have some -- Mike Coffey down in Bethel is doing the Y-K Delta, and George Sherry in Fairbanks is working on the Yukon Flats. Those three are in the beginning stages, and we should be having those into regulation by 1996 I think is when we'll have completed our whole review process.

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22 We are -- when we get to the point of doing Northwest Arctic, and I can't tell you when that will be, because some of that depends on what issues -- some of these things are driven by suddenly something becomes a very hot issue, and it will be pushed forward in priority, but when we get to that point, what we'll do is -- the first step is to come to the Regional Council as well as all the local entities in the region, tribal councils, the city government, the local -- in the villages, the local governments, as well as Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM. Everybody will be asked their opinion as to what they think should be changed. And after we've done that initial scoping, then we'll be -- we'll work on the report. It's our hope to constantly work with the Regional Councils so that when we come up with a recommendation, it's something that the Regional Councils will fully support, and will have adequate information to support our recommendations.

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39 Does anybody have any questions? That's sort of C and T in a nutshell.

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42 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Any questions? Or comments?

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44 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I should probably add that right now when we do C and T, it's based on the eight factors that are in listed in the -- I think the people on the Council have the Federal Register Notice from 1992, and those eight factors are listed in -- somewhere in there, but they're essentially -- and

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I have to say there's some discussion about whether or not some of that should be changed from our staff, but they essentially have -- are basing it on things like long-term consistent patterns of use, patterns of sharing, diversity of use of resources, methods and means of taking. Those sorts of things.

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6 MR. ASHBY: Mr. Chair?

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8 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes, go ahead.

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10 MR. ASHBY: Ma'am, will there be any strength (ph) for meetings to be able to make changes on dates of hunting like the Vice Chairman was reporting earlier about these hunting

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15 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: The dates -- the hunting seasons?

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17 MR. ASHBY: Will you have that authority to address that?

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20 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: The hunting seasons are addressed in our Subpart D regulations, which are addressed each year, and the way to change those, and we'll talk -- I'm going to talk about that actually next, but -- or in a couple of things down the agenda, but would be to make a proposal to the Board to change the hunting season. You can do that every year, and you can do it year after year. We've had repeated requests from Councils, you know, that -- and that that's something that's changed on an annual basis. The C and T we do once, and then hopefully we don't revisit it, that it's done.

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31 MR. ASHBY: When you're coming this part of the Region then, make sure those are on the -- on your agenda, on those dates, because these are the kind of things like that are kind of -- these seem to argue around dates and open the hunting season.

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37 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: We'll -- yeah, we'll take that when we get to that -- to the part on making changes to the regulations. Yeah. Sure.

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41 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Bert?

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43 MR. GRIEST: Does C and T also cover use of marine mammals, like Beluga hunting or fish?

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46 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Not in our regulations,

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48 MR. GRIEST: All right.

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1 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: because we don't cover marine
mammals.

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4 If you want to see what we have in -- what you
currently have in Unit 23, if you'll look in your green book,
and you turn to page 128, then on the left-hand column of those
pages, at the top you'll see it says "species, customary and
traditional use determinations." So you'll see what is in
existence already. And these have been taken from the State
determinations, and I'm certainly open at any time to take
people's comments on that. We won't be actually dealing with
it until sometime in the future, but if people have comments
they wanted to make to me as to how they feel about what's
currently there, they could certainly say that.

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16 You'll notice that musk ox has no subsistence, and I
think that that will probably be the largest issue coming up
for this region in terms of C and T, because I think there are
probably people would like to revisit that determination.

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21 MR. SCHAEFFER: As a matter of fact, Mr. Chairman, we
had a Fish and Game Advisory Committee meeting just a few days
ago, and as I understand it, the Board of Game is going to be
considering the same things, making the customary and
additional determinations, too. Our concern was enough on
that issue to -- we asked that two people be sent down to
represent our interests, and to make sure that when we were
down there and the discussion ensued that we had some people
there to make sure that things were clarified.

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31 One of the problems is that when they go back and make
the determinations as to what period of time you're talking
about, and the use. Then the problem with musk ox is it
essentially was wiped out and re-introduced, and in the eyes of
some sport people, they figure that that does not qualify as
criteria for qualification for subsistence use, and it was not
totally our problem that they were wiped out, so I think in
terms of what happened on the North Slope, they actually had
the modification to their permitting processes to give the
villages some opportunity to get the permit. I'm not sure
exactly how that happened.

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43 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Actually Kaktovik does have a C and
T determination for musk ox.

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46 MR. SCHAEFFER: Oh, okay.

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48 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: So they do have a positive

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determination. And that is an issue that I'll be dealing with, whether or not Nuiqsut should have one as well, and Barrow and

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4 MR. SCHAEFFER: Okay. So

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6 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: so there is a precedent setting that, in that they've already -- they have -- they were given it under the State system.

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10 MR. SCHAEFFER: Okay.

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12 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes, Raymond?

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14 MR. STONEY: Mr. Chairman, I've got a question for Helen. You said about the issue will be coming up on musk ox. Now, where would -- what locations are you going to be, either on Cape Krusenstern or at Deering area, or where would it affect our area, if they wanted an open season for musk ox. Is that what you're saying?

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21 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Well, it would be probably in just Unit 23 in general, not anywhere in particular. Then the actual -- the actual seasons would be set, you know, according to where the musk ox are.

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26 MR. STONEY: Yeah.

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28 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: But the C and T would be for the whole -- would be for the whole unit. If -- I mean, I just know that that's something people have talked to me about already, is that musk ox will become an issue.

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33 MR. STONEY: Because the reason I ask this question is because of musk ox is sometime like at Deering, you see a whole bunch, there's some out at Krusenstern, and you wind up seeing them at Koyuk, Shungnak, and

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38 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I was just curious. Just bringing up musk ox, how do people here feel about musk ox? We hear a lot of complaints on the North Slope about them, and I was wondering?

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43 MR. STONEY: One thing I know, that a few things I heard in Norvik, you know, that's a lot of guys were attacked by musk ox, what are you going to do? That's been happening.

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47 MR. ASHBY: Well,

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CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Go ahead.

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2 MR. ASHBY: What I hear from our elders back home, it
3 was that musk ox is a little better tasting meat than caribou.
4 And that that used to be the way they used it privately (ph).
5 I might have it, or if somebody in Kaktovik have a taste, some
6 taste. I'm not sure if I know anybody in Kaktovik. I've still
7 got some elders that are still living and still in Kaktovik.
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9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's what people in Kaktovik say,
10 some of the people there really like the meat.
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12 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Any other questions or comments with
13 regards to Helen's presentation?
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15 Hearing none, we'll go on to the next agenda item,
16 which is the designated hunter report. The Task Force,
17 Hunter's Task Force, made a report. All of you should have a
18 copy of it, it's a little blue book. You've got yours here,
19 James.
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21 In regards to the designation hunter, there were three
22 proposals in -- well, actually several proposals that were sent
23 from the Regional Advisory Councils to the Federal Board in
24 regards to authorizing hunters to take wildlife on behalf of
25 others in their community. And in the report it gives
26 different options, and the problem is that different regions
27 hunt in different ways.
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29 And I think with that maybe John can go and elaborate a
30 little bit more in regards to some discussions in regards to
31 the Task Force meeting that occurred this spring. Or this
32 summer.
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34 MR. BORBRIDGE: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, the Designated
35 Hunter Task Force met twice. The second time they met for the
36 purpose of refining what the discussions had been initially at
37 the meeting in July 12th and 13th, and the drafts resulting
38 from the July 12 and 12 meetings were reviewed and revised at a
39 second meeting held on August 25 and 26.
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41 There are a number of noteworthy things. I think,
42 first of all, for those of us that were there, we noted what
43 some of us regarded as the traditional Native approach in that
44 when there was discussion about the Designated Hunter Task
45 Force, objective, there was also discussion of other matters
46 affecting subsistence that were related to the work that was
47 being done with respect to the designated hunter objective.
48 For example, a number of people present talked about the fit
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between Federal regulations affecting their enjoyment of their lifestyle, and the effectiveness of those regulations in reflecting and being sensitive to the actual Native needs and customs. There was a great deal of interchange between the representatives of the Regional Advisory Councils, the Federal Subsistence Staff Committee members present, the State of Alaska, and Federal subsistence staff management. There was a discussion about how there might be a better fit in that how might the regulations better reflect and more sensitively reflect exactly what it was that the Native subsistence users desired.

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12 With respect to the over-all objective, there was also expressed the realization that under Title Eight of ANILCA, it is important to remember that the term "rural Alaskans" included not only Alaska Natives, but non-Native Alaskans living in the rural areas whose needs would also need to be accommodated in some way.

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19 The Federal Subsistence Board recognized the complexity of the task awaiting them, and there was recognition that there were already some alternative -- alternate regulatory approaches that were already being tried out and in use. And these included community harvest limits in Lime Village and designated hunter/hunters permits in Kaktovik, and special permits for the taking of wildlife for ceremonial purposes. So it is recognized that this could be another step along a way that had already been initiated and begun by the Federal Subsistence Board.

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30 And one example that impressed me was that as the discussions were proceeding, there was a comment made that it is important that when the customary method of hunting was discussed, that it would need to fit within certain regulatory parameters. One of the Native participants quickly pointed out, "No, it is the regulations that must become flexible, and must accommodate the needs and the practices of the Native Subsistence users."

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39 And it was this kind of interchange that constituted a very valuable part of that meeting. It almost seemed in some instances that we were really talking and reflecting on a number of things, many of them related to the designated hunter charge that was laid on us by the Federal Subsistence Board, and many of these were matters that related to subsistence.

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46 And finally, as a result of these two sets of meeting, and the revision of the recommendations and material that came out, four options surfaced, and these include management by

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local government ordinance was one; tribal management was another; community harvest limits the third; and designated hunter/hunters regulation.

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4 The Chair of the Seward Peninsula Regional Advisory Council, Sheldon Katchatag, having been charged with producing a draft paper for consideration by the group that related to tribal management, had submitted the paper to the group. It was realized that there are still questions that are being litigated and resolved with respect to tribal jurisdiction, Indian country and so on. But notwithstanding these unresolved questions that are being addressed currently in the courts, and by the Secretary of the Interior, it was felt that the papers that were submitted should be incorporated into the record, so the paper on tribal regulation was in fact submitted and was accepted.

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17 The comment with respect to the tribal management option was that the criteria used in the designated hunter regulations will reflect local cultural beliefs and consider the tenets of the village's nontribal residents.

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22 The report as presented includes special situations that may arise or may have arisen with respect to various villages. There are scenarios that are presented that give some examples of how the various options might work out. For example, with respect to the harvest, the community harvest option, it's stated in connection therewith, and I quote, "to the extent possible, the community harvest option would allow the taking and distribution of resources in manners reflecting the customs and traditional -- traditions of local communities," and that is that comment.

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33 I don't know, Mr. Chairman, if you wish to go into further detail, but again I wanted to emphasize that in my view and the view of others that I talked to, the free exchange of ideas, exchange of concerns, of comments, of -- was accomplished in a very open atmosphere.

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39 And many of us recognize that if the Regional Councils had had their membership approved about the same time that the Federal Subsistence Board had begun its operation, in all likelihood, the Regional Advisory Councils would have presented full expression of their concerns about subsistence, and that's why I felt that this meeting, that although the specific charge was to come up with options that would lead us to the development of regulations or a designated hunter regulations, nonetheless, the people present also expressed many concerns that went beyond the issue immediately before us, and we all

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found those to be very worthwhile.

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2 I hope this was what you had in mind, Mr. Chairman?

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4 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes. Yeah. Any questions or
5 comments?

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7 MR. ASHBY: Mr. Chairman?

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9 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes?

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11 MR. ASHBY: Well, I have one concern. Since

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13 MS. DOWNING: Sir, could you come up to the table,
14 closer to a microphone?

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16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There's a mike over there on that
17 table.

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19 MS. DOWNING: Yeah, or right there even.

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21 MR. ASHBY: Ricky Ashby, Noatak IRA.

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23 MS. DOWNING: You don't have to hold it.

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25 MR. ASHBY: Ricky Ashby, Noatak IRA and Advisory
26 Committee.

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28 I have one area that I'd like to look into. In the
29 case of sheep hunting, through the State we're -- Noatak IRA,
30 we're not incorporated to the State, but we have to go through
31 their regulations as of now, and when you -- what you have here
32 your subsistence management regulations proposals, these --
33 if we go along with this, it seems like our -- as what you have
34 here is okay, but you have -- they have it as 30.

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36 Before I translate this, I'd like to ask one of my
37 elders to translate something me. (In Inupiat) what they used
38 to call (In Inupiat), you know, just like when a whole bunch of
39 like rabbits not too long ago, the (In Inupiat)? What do you
40 call those in English?

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42 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: They go in cycle.

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44 MR. ASHBY: Yeah.

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46 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: What do they call it, a seven-year
47 cycle? Yeah.

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MR. ASHBY: Okay. When animals go by cycles or,

MR. BORBRIDGE: Uh-huh.

MR. ASHBY: you know, at certain times of the year, they're bountiful, and there are lots, and when they are around, the people hunt them, you know, when they can get them. And then when those go, the remaining animals, that's what we -- that's what the regulation should stand on. For us it's past -- maybe about last eight years the sheep have been around our area, and now they're gone and they're kind of back to the same population. And now since they're in the same population, the proposal here is they're closing it through this -- I don't know who this really from. I inquire about it, but they say National Park Service, but it seems these are really from the State, and we're in the park area right now. But as it is, the sheep won't really go too much any more, just where that way the population is going to kind of be steady, and as to this one, it sounds like they will be closed, because the sheep that were very bountiful now have moved on to the areas. I don't know which area they are in the range.

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Rick, I didn't mean to -- I don't mean to stop you from your discussions. I think under three we have open floor for public on proposals here. Maybe your issue can wait until that time?

MR. ASHBY: Okay.

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: And we'll go back to the discussion regarding to the Designated Hunter Report. I didn't mean

MR. ASHBY: Okay.

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: stop you, I just want to back on the -- on track here, so that way we can discuss the sheep issue. I know it's important for all of us, and we'll get the reasonings why there's a closure, and why it was closed, so we'll get into a detailed discussion on that. Okay? Thanks, Rocky.

Any other comments or questions in regards to the Designated Hunter Report?

MR. SCHAEFFER: Just a question for maybe John. So what's the current status of this now, John? Is it just a draft out for comment, or is it going to be considered for adoption by the Board or

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1 MR. BORBRIDGE: Oh, about the next action?

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3 MR. SCHAEFFER: Uh-huh.
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5 MR. BORBRIDGE: What happens from here. I'll call on
6 my expert on how the Board functions.

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8 MS. DETWILER: Helen has comments to make.
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10 MR. BORBRIDGE: Helen A. We just -- Mr. Chairman, we
11 just had a quick meeting and concluded Helen A. would be able
12 to answer specifically the very question you raised.

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14 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I think comments on it are welcomed
15 any time. I mean, as comments on anything are welcome. The
16 hope was that Councils would look at these options and then if
17 they chose to make some proposals asking for a community
18 harvest limit, or a designated hunter permit, that those would
19 be welcomed. And so that was some of the intention to get it
20 before the Councils now, was that they could then implement
21 some of these options in requesting them, if they so desired.

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23 MR. BORBRIDGE: Mr. Chairman, just for the record, for
24 the recorder's purposes, my reference to Helen A. was Helen
25 Armstrong. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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27 MR. GRIEST: Mr. Chairman?

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29 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes, go ahead, Bert.
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31 MR. GRIEST: When the D-2 was debated in the 1970s and
32 right up through the 80, there was a lot of concern on the
33 local level. People were afraid of change, in case change
34 becomes the type that would be detrimental to the local folks,
35 and one of the things that that we talked about was, and I
36 think the AFN and the Native community at large inserted a
37 section where Native Americans would be included in the
38 management of the conservation system unit, specifically I
39 think Section 1308, or 1313. I couldn't remember. But I'm not
40 trying to be like all pro-Native or, you know, I'm not trying
41 to be, you know racially discriminating. I'm -- what I'm
42 saying is we were hoping that there'd be an effort of the
43 Native community, the people that live our life to be able to
44 have some of the people living out there be able to work with
45 those people that also manage the system in concert, and in the
46 has that been looked into in part of the -- like maybe the
47 tribal management option, or, you know, because

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MR. BORBRIDGE: Uh-huh.

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2 MR. GRIEST: it seems that one -- that would be a
3 viable option to consider in that area. That was -- that was
4 why it was kind of put there, so that we could have somebody
5 that is basically knowledgeable of the cultural beliefs, and
6 all the traditional subsistence use areas and how some of those
7 -- some of the conflicts were resolved between communities and
8 things like that.

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10 MR. BORBRIDGE: Uh-huh.

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12 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: I think if you look at the memo on
13 page 34, Sheldon's memo to the Regional Council members, I
14 think that was addressed in regards to indigenous Native
15 Americans.

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17 In regards to what Bert said on change, I think there
18 is a trend in the system on how decisions are being made. In
19 the past it's always been that we get those changes made from
20 both the Federal and the State system. Now that they're
21 finally recognizing the Native communities and they're getting
22 involved in through making those changes, which is good for
23 all of us. That's why I encourage the membership, the Council
24 members to be involved through this process, because we now
25 have a say in through the process where in the past that it
26 looks like or sounds like we're always talking to the wall.
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28 And I think we need to take advantage of the process
29 that's taking -- that's making this change, and I think where
30 the making that change is the directive from the President
31 last April to upper -- to his upper folks in the Federal system
32 start working with the Native communities. I think that's
33 taken a -- that's making a difference in making those changes.
34 I can see that it is impacting the upper Federal management in
35 giving the working level folks a direction to start working
36 with Native communities, which I think is a healthy way of
37 dealing with different issues.

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39 Pete?

40 MR. SCHAEFFER: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I
41 went through this document, I noted that a lot of the
42 discussion was steered towards developing a co-manage
43 relationship. We had -- were trying to impact State
44 regulations say prior to McDowell and prior to the subsistence
45 issue splitting into Federal/State management, it was a clear
46 understanding on our part that the State had to operate under
47 constitutional constraints, thus it was very -- the legal
48 people were very hostile to any mention of the word "Native,"

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and that in fact affected the outcome and the final deal made in ANILCA which basically was -- started off as a Native exemption, and then wound up being rural residents.

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4 And the other thing that we had to be aware of was that DNR, Department of Natural Resources, did not have a classification of lands for subsistence use. The closest thing that came to it was recreation purposes, of which we all know that's just not the case, so I just wanted to point out those two parameters that restricted the State picture that in fact doesn't really have to impact the Federal one really. So I thought I'd point that out.

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13 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes, John?

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15 MR. BORBRIDGE: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I certainly very much agree with and very much appreciate your statement about that, because all too often we've heard statements made that, well, the hunting and fishing subsistence rights based on the original rights have been extinguished by the passage of ANCSA. And people -- particularly people within Federal and State Government then generally tend to stop right there, and they fail to point out that the conference committee that considered and shaped up the final ANILCA bill also stated that in their opinion the Secretary of the Interior, and this was in 1981, possessed sufficient authority to protect Native subsistence hunting fishing activities, further the Committee stated that it was their hope and expectation that the Secretary working with the State of Alaska would be able to protect those subsistence right. And as we know as a matter of history, that over the next five to seven years that did not occur.

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33 And so the Native people went back to the Federal Government, and as you pointed out, when they first worked on a bill which would have a subsistence title, it was anticipated that that bill would take care of the Native concerns, and then right toward the end there was a compromise, and the language as you pointed out again, became that of rural Alaskans. And yet the prime mover of Title Eight, Congressman Udall, who was then chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs, stated that there would not be a Title Eight had there not been Native people who worked for and on behalf of a Title Eight.

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44 One of the confusing things for non-Native people looking at the Act is that they don't realize that the bill started off as one which was aimed pretty much at a Native preference result, and that when the compromise came in, then when we look at the bill today we see references by the

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Congressional committee to the plenary authority of the Congress and its power to legislate over Native matters. Well, the bill today as it is refers to Native Americans and Alaska Natives, and yet we know that Congressman Udall himself stated the bill in his opinion was intended to be and was Indian legislation. That by the way is one of the on-going debates at the present time.

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8 So I just wanted to say I appreciate your pointing these things out, because many of us say that Title Eight is derivative of ANCSA and that there is the theme of the use and exercise of rights over subsistence rights that was spelled out in ANCSA and continues in Title Eight.

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14 Thank you for the opportunity to comment on that.

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16 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Thanks. Any other questions or comments? Hearing none, what we will do is before we go to the next discussion in regards to proposals, we will take a lunch break. We will reconvene at 1:00 o'clock if that's okay with the Council. Is 1:00 o'clock good enough? Okay. So we will recess for lunch at this time.

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23 (Off record)

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25 (On record)

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27 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: We will reconvene at this time. It's 1:10. I guess I was on Eskimo time, so

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30 We'll go down to 9-D, proposals, and, Pete, did you get a copy of the -- today? Did all of you get a copy of all the proposals for 95/96?

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34 MR. STONEY: This one here?

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36 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yeah.

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38 MR. SCHAEFFER: To tell you the truth, there is not a whole hell of a lot going on in terms of new proposals I guess. I think Rick had comments about the sheep proposals and maybe at this time it would be appropriate for him to begin the discussion?

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44 MR. ASHBY: Mr. Chairman?

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46 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes, go ahead.

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48 MR. ASHBY: I don't have no numbers or anything in

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writing. I was just looking at the -- on Unit 23 sheep, these things relate to your green tablets (ph). There's number up here that was kind of too -- it was kind of too high. I kind of tried to tell the Fish and Game that this would be a too high number, because the population of the sheep at that time was kind of high, and they kept it open for a couple of years to 30 rams per season, and that was too high. There's not much feeding (ph) in the small village for the number they was talked about, 400 or something like that, and when they opened up to 30, they opened it and the sport hunters took advantage of it, and we ourself in the village didn't take that much. But what happened was that after a few years, maybe four, or five, six years it -- the population really go down. I don't know how long it takes for the rams to take that route. There's not that many rams to kill. Thirty per year. If they would bring that low, it would be better at something -- they make it for residents and for sports, try to divide it in half, because we even never get permits for our sheeps. That's kind of a concern.

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20 I didn't bring it up with the Melford (ph) the Department, but I could see the signs, regulation anyway, and it's mainly the sports hunters. So that would be something that I would like us to seriously look at, because it gave the opening and put it again to 30. That's too much. Thirty is too big for that amount of sheep in the -- in our drainage.

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27 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: As I understand it, since the study was done for the last several years in regards to sheep study within the Ekichuk and DeLong Mountains, a decline of sheep has been going for the last several years, and within the last two years, there's been at least one emergency closure,

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33 MR. ASHBY: Yeah, this year.

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35 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: and possibly another one.

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37 MR. STONEY: Mr. Chairman,

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39 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Just

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41 MR. STONEY: in August there was an emergency closure

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44 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay.

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46 MR. STONEY: of all the DeLong and the Ekichuk (ph) drainage.

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CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yeah. And I guess the studies indicate there's a decline in regards to rams, and maybe somebody can fill a little bit more in detail as to what those numbers might be? Steve?

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5 MR. SHULTS: I'm Brad Shults from the Park Service, and we've been doing sheep surveys, they've been done here since 1986, in the Baird Mountains and the DeLong in three different survey areas, and virtually in the Baird Mountains there's been about a 60% decline in total numbers of sheep since 1991 from our counts. And it's strictly count data from survey units that we fly in July.

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13 The season in the Baird Mountains has been closed by emergency order on the State side since 1991, and it's been closed under the Federal subsistence regulations also.

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17 In regards to the sheep quota of 30, and Anne can correct me if I'm wrong, that quota originally, the -- what was left over from the winter hunt was to be allocated to the fall hunt, so local residents had the first crack at when it was open, which was prior to '91. So it's been closed since then. There hasn't been a quota of 30 sheep at all. It has been closed.

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25 At this point in time, all we're doing is continue -- we're going to continue to collect survey information in July and count sheep.

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29 If this is an appropriate, I was going to bring up that within the Park Service this fiscal year, we have a proposal call for new projects, and a lot of people have been interested why the decline has occurred in the Baird Mountains, and we have the opportunity to submit a short proposal at this time for funding, and I'm at the stage, we haven't written anything, there's nothing on the books, is to find out what local opinion on how interested you are in obtaining information on the causes of that sheep decline. That proposal has to be written by February of this year, and it's for money that wouldn't even be allocated until October of 1995. The way these funding proposals work is it's funding for three years. If people are interested, I'm willing to submit a proposal to do sheep research up there, to try to answer questions as to why they're declining.

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45 We know that there's very few lambs, whether they're being born or not, we don't know, and if they are being born, they're certainly not there in July. And we can try to answer some of those questions. We may not be able to do anything to

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change the decline, but we will have answers. And it may help us make longer-term decisions instead of a year-to-year basis. Every time we go out in July, we have to close it. We may find out things that we don't know. And that's kind of it in a nutshell. And it

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MS. DALLEMOLLE: Brad, radio collars.

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MR. SHULTS: Yeah. The big issue about the research proposal is the best way to obtain the information is going to be to use radio collars, and at this point I haven't -- I don't have any methodology set in my mind, and I'm open to all ideas, and I know that's a big issue, an issue to be brought out and discussed. And it would probably involve radio collaring a sample of female sheep only. Not males, only sheep so we can get mortality, estimates on the females, find out whether they're having lambs, that sort of thing. And if they are, what's going on or where they're going.

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It also gives us information on movements, which we've been criticized in the past about sheep may be moving out of the survey areas, and we're not counting them, and those sorts of things, and we can get that kind of information with a marked (ph) sample of sheep.

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CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Pete?

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MR. SCHAEFFER: In terms of methodology, I guess some studies have been done in Canada and somewhere down in the south of us, and I'm wondering if not only predation, but weather is one of the major factor, and as a matter about three, four years ago it was basically a conclusion that the severe weather had caused a lot of the mortality.

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In terms of what Ricky Ashby said earlier about how the season is maintained on a year-to-year basis is that, you know, if you have a number of 30, I believe that the way it's set up that the subsistence precede the sports hunt, and what's left over is what's actually taken by the sports hunters, in theory I guess.

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I was just wondering, Lee Anne, if you had any information as to how much sheep take occurs comparatively for the last few years?

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MS. AYRES: I guess

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MS. DOWNING: Come up to the table, please?

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CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Eventually we're hoping that everybody will be tagged so we can speak from where we're sitting.

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4 (Laughter)

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6 MS. AYRES: If they're not at a meeting, you could just track them down.

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9 (Laughter)

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11 MS. AYRES: I guess, would your question be as far as the harvest that's going on with the closure?

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14 MR. SCHAEFFER: In terms of the amount of take that was like say between the sport and the subsistence hunts prior to the closure?

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18 MS. AYRES: Okay. The reported take for the winter portion, the part of the hunt that preceded the allocation, that's ranged from about, oh, in some years two or three sheep up to I think 10 or 12 of that allocation of 30. Even if it was below 15, there was still only 15 to 18 rams that were available for the fall hunt.

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25 But I guess for Ricky's concern, which I think is a real valid one, what happens when it re-opens? Does it re-open after 30 sheep, which, you know, you're saying you think is too many. I guess what our position has been, or what we've kind of thought of as the strategy for the State hunt was to instead of trying to come up with a number now, to wait until we see the population start to increase, and then talk about the allocation of the hunt, what number would be appropriate to open the hunt back up. So I think that that's a real good question. I'm not sure right now is the time to address it, when it's still closed. But I think it's a good thing to start thinking about, especially about allocation and how to manage a hunt when there's a more restricted number of sheep we'd want to have taken.

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40 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: I think the Kotzebue Advisory Council had been proactive in regards to dealing with that sheep issue on the Noatak, and I know the Park Service had attempted to try to make several meetings in Noatak, and, you know, at times when there's meetings, that we try to go, people would be out doing things, so it's impossible to try to hold meetings sometimes. Helen?

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48 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I wanted to make sure so that people
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were clear on this, that in this document everybody has, it says, "Dear Reader," it's got Federal Subsistence Board on top of there, this is proposed rule for the proposed seasons and bags for 1995-96. And in the first few pages they talk about what is different in here versus what was not there last year, that some of the changes have already gone in as the result of what agencies opinions on this.

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8 And on page three of the first couple of pages there, it says Unit 23 and Unit 26(A), sheep. There's a little discussion in there about this, and the -- it is already in the proposed rule that the sheep harvest remain closed in 1995/96. So that's part of the proposed rule, and if people here wanted to support that, that's fine, of if they'd wanted to -- they'd have to have a counter-proposal if they didn't want it to remain closed. Just so people knew that it is not open right now. I mean it was an emergency closure. August 5th the Board closed it as a result of the request from the Park Service. And then -- and now we intend to continue to have that closed.

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20 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Raymond had his

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22 MR. STONEY: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, maybe I answer it later, the emergency closure if that is consisting to subsistence hunting for sheep?

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26 MS. AYRES: The State closure?

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28 MR. STONEY: Yeah.

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30 MS. AYRES: Yeah. That was closed for everybody.

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32 MR. STONEY: Everybody. Okay.

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34 MS. AYRES: Yeah.

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36 MR. STONEY: How do I -- how do I get number of those that was August 30. It's not effected?

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39 MS. AYRES: No.

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41 MR. STONEY: Okay.

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43 MS. AYRES: No, it's basically the same. We just closed the regulation that was on the books,

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46 MR. STONEY:

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48 MS. AYRES: and it kind of just stayed on the

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books. One of reasons it did was because we were doing it on a year-by-year basis,

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3 MR. STONEY: Yeah.

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5 MS. AYRES: and so we didn't want to go in
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8 MR. STONEY: Okay.

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10 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Raymond, can I

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12 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Pete. Just a second. Go ahead,
13 Pete.

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15 MR. SCHAEFFER: In terms of the proposal, I think it's
16 adequate protection for what I think needs to happen, along
17 with perhaps the federal folks getting more information and
18 putting together a plan to monitor the population more
19 precisely I guess is the thing. And I think the Park Service
20 ought to be supported in terms of putting together a program to
21 do that. I don't know whether that requires formal action by
22 this body, but

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24 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Before you answer,

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26 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I wanted to make a comment to what
27 something Raymond said, when he asked if the subsistence was
28 closed or -- while the State was open. Under the Federal
29 regulations, that would be impossible to do,

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31 MR. STONEY: Okay.

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33 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: to allow State hunting
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36 MR. STONEY: Okay.

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38 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: not subsistence, but it could
39 be the other way around.

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41 MR. STONEY: Okay.

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43 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: We can close Federal lands when
44 there's a shortage to State hunting, but allow

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46 MR. STONEY: Yeah.

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48 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: subsistence hunting. And we've
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in fact done that in many places. Not many, but in some

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2 MR. STONEY: Okay.

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4 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: places in the State when there
5s not an adequate amount of a resource to satisfy the
6subsistence needs of the users,

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8 MR. STONEY: Okay.

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10 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: then we close it to sport
11hunting. Or we can close it.

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13 MR. STONEY: Okay. Mr. Chairman, finally my question
14 for you now, if there's any violation in either sport
15hunting or subsistence, what was the consistent with the
16violation of getting sheep out of a closed area? What would
17the penalty be?

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19 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Well, maybe that should be directed
20 -- because I'm not dealing -- I'm not on a refuge or a
21park,

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23 MR. STONEY: Yeah.

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25 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I only work in subsistence.
26Maybe that should be directed at somebody else. At Park
27service or refuge people.

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29 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: I guess his question is if you're in
30violation of the law, then what's the consequences?

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32 MR. SCHAEFFER: How high should you hang?

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34 (Laughter)

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36 MS. DALLEMOLLE: I'm not an expert on the enforcement
37 of fish and game regulations that are involved. Mike, do you
38 for illegal sheep hunting in a closed season and in this
39sit?

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41 MR. REARDEN: It would be the -- it would be the same
42 other game violation. If somebody illegally killed moose
43 bear or whatever, a citation would be written and go to the
44 courts and they would determine what the

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46 MR. STONEY: Okay.

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48 MR. REARDEN: fines were going to be, in any.

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1 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Ricky?

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3 MR. ASHBY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a
4 comment on that for the record. One time I was going to build
5 a cabin, and I asked for a permit, and they asked me to get a
6 permit from the Council for 200 logs, and that was a -- we were
7 working there in town (ph). Anyway, after I get the logs, then
8 they decided they were going to give a citation for the logs,
9 and then I went to court. I had to pay my own fare to
10 Anchorage, to attend the court here, because they charge me
11 \$100, reduced it to 100 after because I have to go back and
12 forth to Anchorage for the Court here. And that was my case,
13 and they had said that they would give cabin permits by Noatak.
14 But those cabin permits were eight-by-ten plus you had to have
15 a canvas roof on them. That was the way the cabin permits that
16 they have issued, that permit. I don't think anybody in the
17 Noatak area really did make any cabins, because it was
18 impossible to try and go about what they wanted.

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20 And they talked about something else: If you have a
21 camp site, and if you can prove that that camp site that you
22 have a cabin or something like that. I had my grandparent's
23 cabin site about 16 by 20, but it was eroding from the north,
24 so I didn't want to build there. It would stay a few years and
25 then erode to the river. So I wanted to do it in a different
26 place, but in the same general area, but I didn't get no permit
27 for that.

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29 And some -- two other people that I know, one they took
30 his snow machines for hunting sheep, and the other one his
31 traps were taken and that guy that got his traps taken was just
32 recently. And so these are the kind of consequences we're
33 having to pay. Just for your information.

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35 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Raymond? Brad? I'm trying to
36 think. Go ahead.

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38 MR. SHULTS: I had two points in reference to sheep.
39 The thing -- the one thing regulatory-wise I think should be
40 real clear is that, and correct me if I'm wrong from the
41 Federal Subsistence Board peoples, that as opposed to doing a
42 temporary closure every August after we count sheep on the
43 Federal side, what they're intending to do is close the season
44 until further notice.

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46 UNIDENTIFIED: Right.

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48 MS. SHULTS: It will not go through the temporary

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closure process in August, and have a public meeting. It's just going to be closed. And I think that the process will be that the Board will have to make an opening

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4 UNIDENTIFIED: Right.

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6 MR. SHULTS: when it opens again. And that can happen at any time. So that's the big difference with this proposal.

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10 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: I think in regards to the process that maybe should be considered in regards to getting the -- direction in regards to a plan is to work with the communities of -- community of Noatak, as well as Kotzebue in regards to putting together a proposal for some work. The reason why I say that is because it impacts both of the communities, and it impacts those folks that do trapping and hunting. In order to satisfy both the parties, then we need to get down to a process where both parties would be satisfied with a plan. That means getting them involved. In the past it's always been that we react to plans, and we're trying to get that system changed to where we're proactive, to where we can work with the agencies regarding to planning or writing proposals or whatnot. So I think if we can involve the community -- both communities on through the process, that would be appropriate. And it would only -- people would also feel as part owners of the plan, and not the agency's plan. So I think it's only appropriate and fair for those folks that we involve them through that process.

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29 MR. SHULTS: Yeah, just to follow up on that, that it's 30 where it's at right now is at the beginning, and I fully intend to do that. And I think the reason I wanted to bring it up was to get it out, that we have the opportunity to do it, and I think that in terms of funding something like this, the chances of projects like this being funded are very small, but with the support of an Advisory Council, or recommendations from them, and being part of the process in writing the proposal and stuff, I think it will carry a lot more weight, and have a much better chance of being funded. And at that point, we can progress from there.

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41 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: When you say small, you're talking about two mill?

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44 MR. SHULTS: I wish.

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46 UNIDENTIFIED: We'll just bring the sheep over.

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48 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Pete?

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1 MR. SHULTS: Yeah, that would be cheaper.

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3 (Laughter)

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5 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Did you have something?

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7 MR. SCHAEFFER: Yeah. I'll make a motion to support
8 the National Park Service to do a sheep study.

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10 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Research. There's a motion on the
11 floor to support the Park Service doing research on sheep. Is
12 there a second?

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14 MR. STONEY: Second.

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16 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Second. Discussion?

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18 MR. GRIEST: I think the idea of the motion including
19 getting Kotzebue and Noatak involved.

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21 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: To include Kotzebue and Noatak?
22 Okay.

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24 MR. SCHAEFFER: Fine with me if it's fine with the
25 conder.

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27 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Is that

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29 MR. STONEY: Yeah.

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31 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. So, again, the process is a
32 little different here than how you do things, John.

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34 If there's any further discussion?

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36 MR. GRIEST: Call for the question.

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38 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: The question's been called for. All
39 those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye?

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41 IN UNISON: Aye.

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43 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: All opposed same sign?

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45 (No opposing responses)

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47 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: The motion carries.

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The reason why I said that, was I didn't want to deal with the amendment, having to vote on the amendment and the main motion, so sort of cuts -- cut and dry, so

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4 MR. BORBRIDGE: Okay.

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6 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: In regards to the process for proposals, there is a letter that was referenced in regards to a "Dear Reader," and there is forms in there that can be used for proposals and also copies of Federal Register.

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11 Do you have anything else, Helen?

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13 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: No, I think we've kind of bit by bit covered it. I guess I just want to draw attention to the fact that right behind the proposal form is -- there are some instructions for the proposal form, which people can read. I probably don't need to read through everything, but the main point is to make sure that you're very specific about the regulation you want changed. We often have proposal forms come in, and it's not clear to us. And then providing as much detailed information as you can as to why you want the regulation changed, answering all the questions. You know, how it will -- the change will affect the wildlife populations, if you have any kinds of information, whether it's just some observation you had, or, you know, whatever types of information you have would be -- we really need as much as you can give us.

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29 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Any questions or discussions?
Thanks.

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32 Is there any proposals from the Council that you need to introduce in regards to regulations? If none,

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35 MR. MOTO: Mr. Chairman?

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37 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: is there any from -- go ahead?

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39 MR. MOTO: Yeah, I'd sure like to change that no subsistence on this musk ox. You know, we have been having -- we had a meeting last year on this Northern Seward Peninsula and bridge, and there's Wales, Shishmaref and Deering, and we talked quite a bit about this musk ox, but I guess we didn't talk hard enough, so we got no subsistence here. And we're planning a meeting in February. Maybe we'll get the agencies to send you a copy of the minutes.

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48 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Maybe what you ought to do is bring

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back the form for proposed -- for proposals, put together a proposal, and bring it to the Regional Advisory Council.

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3 MR. MOTO: Uh-huh.

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5 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Then from here we can act on your proposal. Go ahead, Helen?

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8 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It probably would be as -- If I can be perfectly honest, that effective to do that, because the proposals deal with Subpart D of the regulations, and the C and T determinations are in Subpart C. And those have -- are dealt with, like I was explaining this morning, we're sort of doing bits and pieces as we go along. If you wanted to push that determination up in the schedule, what I would say is to write a letter to the Board and say, you know, -- explain what you want changed, and why you want it changed, and when you want it changed. That would be maybe more effective to try to push it as an issue a little bit more.

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20 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: When would it be appropriate to just give a general proposal then?

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23 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: You can do that at any time. You can write a letter to request a change in C and T anytime, is that right, Sue?

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27 MS. DETWILER: Yeah, you can write a letter to request change, but there

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30 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: They would have to ask

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32 MS. DETWILER: Yeah, but this Federal Register notice that talks about the customary and traditional use determination process and schedule, that's pretty much what the Board is going to follow when it makes its C and T determinations, and I don't know where Unit 23 is in that list, but that is the time in that priority list when they would consider changing the musk ox determination

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40 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yeah.

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42 MS. DETWILER: that you send in.

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44 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Well, wait, that's sort of -- it's not totally -- I mean, that's true, but we didn't close the priorities quite that much, because we knew that there might be issues that would become -- I mean, there may be -- maybe we would think that some -- you know, when we were planning it,

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that some issue wouldn't be necessary to address. And then through public pressure I guess, that could be pushed up ahead. I mean, I think there's always that. For example, Kenai C and T, we did not intend originally that we would be doing it second, but because there was some public pressure, we changed that, so I don't know that that -- I don't know. I mean, I'm not -- and I also am not totally sure, but I think -- I don't know, Bob, if you know the answer to this, but is -- the Park Service is doing the C and T actually for this region, and I think it might be scheduled to be the next one that they're working on. Is that right?

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12 MR. GERHARD: If that's the case, it's news to me.

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14 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I'm not sure.

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16 MR. GERHARD: I do not recall.

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18 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I mean after Copper River Basin,
but

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21 MR. GERHARD: Yeah. I don't know.

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23 MR. H. ARMSTRONG: I'm not sure, but it still would be
quite a few years away, because they're doing Copper River
Basin, which is really a big

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27 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Well, I think maybe what should
occur is rather than giving a directive to our representatives
from the rural communities, you know, it's always our intent to
try to encourage them to do certain things, but at this time,
rather than saying, "No, you can't or you cannot," I will
encourage the community to go ahead with their intents, or to
put together a proposal with a good justification on it, and
then from there, we can work -- try to get work -- things
worked out from this Council. So Deering I guess will -- along
with Buckland, can go ahead and work in -- to putting together
a proposal. If you need some assistance, we've got Park
Service personnel, and the State that can probably give
you

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41 MR. MOTO: Yeah.

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43 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: assistance in regards to
waiting that.

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46 Any questions? We all know that deadline is -- for
this year's proposals is next month

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MR. MOTO: Next month.

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2 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: November, so -- If there's
done -- is there any -- we'll open the discussion to the floor,
4 if there's any proposals from the floor? Yes?

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6 MS. DALLEMOLLE: I had one issue that I'd like to bring
to the attention of the Regional Advisory Council to see if you
wanted on this or not. Last year when the State controlled use
area, the expansion was approved from Sable Creek down to the
mouth of the Noatak, the timing on that was such that the
Federal didn't change theirs in last year's regulations. So
now the situation is that the State controlled use area is from
Sakune (ph) Creek to the mouth of the Noatak. The Federal
controlled use area for that same system is still exactly what
it was before, so the area is a little bit different and the
dates are a little bit different. So the question would be
whether the Council wants the Federal regulations to also
change.

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20 MR. SCHAEFFER: We thought that had happened, so --
automatically, we didn't have to bother, but

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23 MS. DALLEMOLLE: Yeah, I know, but it didn't, so if you
want I can just draft the proposal, do the forms, if you want
to.

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27 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Well, we ought to try to make it
consistent with the

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30 MS. DALLEMOLLE: If that's

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32 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: State's regs.

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34 MS. DALLEMOLLE: your wish.

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36 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: So that way there would be some
consistency on that. I mean, there's going to be some
arguments made in regards to different dates and there's always
a good chance to lose a case when that occurs. Bert?

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41 MR. GRIEST: One of the residents of in Selawik asked
last night that they heard though the grape vine that there
was a proposal being made to change the same day airborne for
Selawik Refuge. Have any proposals been made to that, Mike,
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47 MR. REARDEN: I'm sure they're talking about the
proposal that the advisory committee talked about the other

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night. Pete can report about that,

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2 MR. SCHAEFFER: Right.

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4 MR. REARDEN: but

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6 MR. SCHAEFFER: What happened was basically the
 7 chairman of the Board of Game instructed the Department to
 8 submit a proposal on behalf of the Department to eliminate the
 9 same day airborne requirement, which means that in fact what
 10 that would do is allow aircraft to land, go 300 feet from it in
 11 any direction, and, you know, take the animal. I don't know
 12 why they wanted to go 300 feet, but I guess they want to go 300
 13 feet. What we're afraid of is that since this was basically
 14 from the chairman of the Board of Game is that the Board in
 15 fact with its current make up will have the votes necessary
 16 that they need to eliminate the same day airborne. The problem
 17 is that from the eyes of the sports hunters that use aircraft,
 18 that presents a problem in that if you have to wait after you
 19 land a certain amount of time, that in fact was part of the
 20 process used to deal with the issue of a reasonable opportunity
 21 for people to get their subsistence needs met to some extent.
 22 I guess what we did at least at the Kotzebue Advisory
 23 Committee was voted to oppose the proposal. I suppose we could
 24 do the same thing here, if we chose to do so.

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26 MR. GRIEST: There was concern at the community of
 27 Selawik, Mr. Chairman, in Selawik that we oppose changing the
 28 same day airborne hunting, that it still be the same as it is.

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30 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: What's the

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32 MR. GRIEST: Not allow people to take during the same
 33 day that they're airborne.

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35 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: What's the position of the agency in
 36 regards to that proposal, Mike, do you

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38 MR. REARDEN: Fish and Wildlife didn't make comment on
 39 it. It was a state regulation, or proposal, and part of the
 40 reasoning was that Unit 23 really doesn't have very many
 41 caribou in the winter, and the majority of the animals driven
 42 I think they're talking about winter down in the unit south
 43 there, so we didn't think it was significant. As a manager,
 44 I think it's bad idea to reimpose the airborne hunting after
 45 how many years of not having it. I'm not sure what the
 46 response will be at the Board of Game meeting.

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48 MR. GRIEST: They were more concerned about moose, and

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2 MR. REARDEN: This was just

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4 MR. GRIEST: impact on moose.

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6 MR. REARDEN: for caribou. This was just for
7 caribou.

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9 MR. GRIEST: Oh, okay. That kind of was their concern.

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11 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: So if it's just for caribou, then
12 you don't have no problems? If it was for moose

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14 MR. GRIEST: I would have to ask.

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16 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: and other resources,
17 maybe,

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19 MR. GRIEST: I'd have to ask the -- they have a moose
20 problem in that area.

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22 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes, Bob?

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24 MR. GERHARD: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, the Park Service I
25 believe is commenting to the Board of Game and stated that we
26 don't support that proposal. We also agree up here at least
27 it's not major issue, because the caribou are generally not in
28 our units at the time of that, but the Park Service is sending
29 comment in saying that we do not support it.

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31 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Pete, did you have some -- Any other
32 comments or questions? Any other proposals from public? Yes?

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34 MR. SCHAEFFER: Before we get closure on this, I
35 wondered if Bert could put that in the form of a motion, what
36 he stated earlier?

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38 MR. GRIEST: I'd like to make a motion that we oppose
39 any change in the same day airborne requirements for moose in
40 Unit 23. Or more specifically for the Selawik Refuge.

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42 MR. SCHAEFFER: That was for caribou?

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44 MR. GRIEST: This is for the moose, I mean, but if it's
45 for caribou, I'd have to ask the Selawikans (ph). I don't
46 know, there was some concern that it might be over-populated,
47 I'm not sure, you know. I'm kind of hearing both sides of
48 in Selawik.

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1 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: So -- go ahead.

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3 MR. SCHAEFFER: Well, as it is now, I believe that the
4 same day airborne restriction would still apply to moose. This
5 was specifically aimed at caribous.

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7 MR. GRIEST: They're aimed at caribou?

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9 MR. SCHAEFFER: Yeah.

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11 MR. GRIEST: I've got no comment on it then.

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13 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. So you withdraw

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15 MR. GRIEST: I withdraw my motion.

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17 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: your motion? Okay. Any other
18 comments or any proposals from the -- yes, Rick?

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20 MR. ASHBY: Mr. Chairman, what about do you guys to
21 address a letter from the Council to the State on swans?

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23 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: On what?

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25 MR. ASHBY: Support for swans.

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27 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yeah, we would -- on swans? Yes, go
28 ahead.

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30 MR. ASHBY: Do you guys want to put a letter of support
31 to the State for opening up swans? Do a letter of support?

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33 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: I think rather than just addressing
34 swans, maybe what we ought to do is address the treaty which
35 needs to be changed, because under the treaty it -- the season
36 opens September 15? September 1, fall time, after the birds
37 migrate south. Well, actually the swans are still here, so
38 maybe -- Pete?

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40 MR. SCHAEFFER: I'm not sure whether swans are covered
41 under the Migratory Bird for this neck of the woods?

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43 MR. REARDEN: Yeah, right now under the Migratory Bird
44 Treaty Act, swans are covered also, and the season is closed.
45 However the way that they opened the swan season in other areas
46 in the State, the unit around Unalakleet, and also around
47 Bethel, they have a swan season in both of those areas. They
48 had it through the Board of Game, had a proposal to them. And

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the proposal went to the Flyway Committee, and they're the ones that make the regulations, would -- and they could conceivably do that in this area, too, if there was a proposal to open a Swan season up. The Flyway Committee could open it.

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CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: I think there seems to be good numbers of swans in this area. I mean, there's no reason why Rick can't go ahead and put together a proposal from the community to -- for us to endorse maybe, and that way we wouldn't be the originator of the proposal. It would come from the community, and then from there it would have a better, stronger support from the Council. Mike?

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MR. REARDEN: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I would urge you to deal with Gene on getting some swan data. We have a lot of data on the number of swans in the region, if it would help support and document what's been

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MR. GRIEST: We'd support it in Selawik, there's quite a few nests (ph), you know.

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CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yeah. So I think, Rick, if you can work with Gene in regards to drafting a proposal, that would be a process to go.

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MR. ASHBY: Okay. Mr. Chairman, should I tie it in with hunting other migratory birds?

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CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: I think there's a direction, isn't there, to try to get the Migratory Bird Treaty changed to -- so that we would become legal in hunting migratory birds, because that's the national treaty that needs to -- or international treaty that needs to be dealt with. And is there -- would it be good to get a letter or resolution of some sort to?

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MR. REARDEN: They are working on a protocol amendment

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CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay.

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MR. REARDEN: with Canada and Mexico and the United States for changing the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

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CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. So there's a process in place when I guess.

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MR. REARDEN: Yeah. They've had a lot of, obviously, support from Native Alaskans on changing those regulations, so apparently it's in the works. Right now it's held up dealing

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with the Mexican Government this time, and that's the hold up for moving any faster.

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3 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Fred?

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5 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: I think conceptually it's a good idea to submit a proposal such as to the swan, because it just shows that, you know, we as subsistence users are trying to address, you know, the problems with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act that -- and possibly speed up that process of renegotiating

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12 And also I just wanted to make one point as far as the same day airborne. I think again, you know, conceptually you shouldn't -- you guys should consider oppose any type of a, you know, same day, because you let one in, it just opens the door for more. So if you just have a firm stand and just opposed, it wouldn't be question. I think that, you know, you would have a better chance in the future.

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20 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. Pete, did you have something?

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22 MR. SCHAEFFER: I was just looking at

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24 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: I thought you raised your

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26 MR. SCHAEFFER: I was looking at this little blurb on the -- or this information on the migratory birds, and I guess it's an update as to where the Service is in it, and I just wanted to point out that we do have RURALCAP working on it also. There's a working group that is spearheaded basically by the Barrow folks. So the likelihood of getting too much control probably is significantly reduced. And I just wanted to point that out.

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35 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Any other comments?

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37 MR. GRIEST: I've got one more, Mr. Chairman?

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39 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yeah.

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41 MR. GRIEST: On the caribou for the western -- I mean Unit 23, five per day. It's no problem when you're hunting close to town, but when you have to go quite a ways, sometimes your only chance, especially for those people that are working, is small, and especially if you've got a big family, an extended family to share with.

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48 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Pete?

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1 MR. SCHAEFFER: As I understand it, the folks up north
 2 had a meet -- had discussion on that. Was that the Federal?
 3 And I guess it was recommended that they up it to ten. I think
 4 taping it to ten is okay, but I just don't think that that's
 5 really the problem. I think in terms of having people get
 6 their needs met is in keeping with basically having some
 7 sensibility as to what will constitute wanton waste. If you're
 8 going to get so many animals that you can't possibly take care
 9 of them, I think that is probably more remote than a
 10 circumstance happening where a number would be a problem,
 11 becomes some folks hunting in different areas, you know,
 12 generally also hunt for other folks, too, so if the biological
 13 condition of the caribou is okay, I mean, why impose any
 14 restrictions at all? I mean, what's the point?

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 16 MR. GRIEST: I forgot how the five a day came about. I
 17 think there was some -- in fact that was put together to help
 18 bring the herd back up basically, right? And to prevent some
 19 overharvest? And that's connected with the antler issue?

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 21 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yeah, I think so.
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23 MR. GRIEST: It was connected with antlers, and that
 24 antler issue is taken care of, and I would even go more than
 25 five a day, but

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 27 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: I think
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29 MR. GRIEST: when I was growing up, you used to
 30 get 30 when I went out, and
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32 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: I think the quota system on the
 33 caribou is going to go eventually down again, where the caribou
 34 herd is getting down to max again, and I think they're getting
 35 ready to go to crash. Eventually we're going to have to face
 36 fact that numbers in large caribou will be -- or the quota's
 37 going to be put down.
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39 MS. AYRES: I think the only reason for the limit, and
 40 the only reason is that the State Advisory Committee here has
 41 considered putting a limit, has been the concern over wanton
 42 waste. Biologically there's no reason for a limit of five a
 43 day.
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45 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: If we
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47 MR. GRIEST: Coming from the antlers basically, not
 48 wanton waste per se, I'd -- because right now my understanding
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is there were several thousand that starved on the other side of the range (ph) there. My feeling is that starvation did it. I'd just do away with the caribou limit per day period.

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4 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Well, if becomes a problem, Bert, we'll have Shoble bring us some caribou from Ungnak or wherever he's got the rest of the reindeer. I think in regards to caribou right now, you know, I really don't have any problems with that number of five per day, I mean, myself.

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10 MR. GRIEST: This is a real problem.

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12 MR. SCHAEFFER: Well, it forces you at times to violate the regulation, and I'm not so sure that's in keeping with, you know, what this organization could possibly do.

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16 MR. STONEY: Mr. Chairman, this five a day just for one family or just individual hunter?

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19 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Individual.

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21 MR. STONEY: Okay. Otherwise if there's -- if there's three hunters in your home, you're -- you can get 15.

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24 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Right.

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26 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chairman, I think that number derived from just when the caribou first crashed, and they tried to ban all caribou hunting, and then they allowed one per year. The next year the caribou took a different route and came back, and they said, "Okay. You can have 5 a day," and that's how it derived. I think that to be more lenient with the quota, also I agree with Bert, is that you're showing a means of trying to streamline the population, because we all know it's really more populated now.

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36 MR. GRIEST: I just don't like the message it gives to a person in real need while the population is really, you know, become questionable whether it will be able to, you know, reach a carrying capacity. I'd

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41 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: If

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43 MR. GRIEST: move that we support upping the caribou to 15 day for Unit 23 per person.

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46 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Is that a motion? A motion. Is there a second to the motion? Is there

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MR. SCHAEFFER: I'll second it.

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2 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: a second? For discussion?
3 Okay. There's a second. Discussion?

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5 MR. STONEY: Mr. Chairman, on the discussion, I've got
6- I don't know if discussion, but I'll ask some of these guys,
7 what is the population on the caribou up to date now?

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9 MS. AYRES: About half a million.

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11 MR. STONEY: Half a million?

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13 MS. AYRES: Our census that we did with the actual
14 count off the aerial photographs

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16 MR. STONEY: Yeah.

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18 MS. AYRES: was 456,000.

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20 MR. STONEY: Okay.

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22 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: What was it at the time they crashed
23 this last time?

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25 MS. AYRES: You know, they weren't doing the aerial
26 surveys, so we don't have the same type of numbers that we do
27 now. I think the estimate of some of the low numbers as below
28 20,000. And the all low I think is plus 46 in some cases, but
29 -- there wasn't

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31 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: At the time -- at the time of the
32 crash, about 600,000, right?

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34 MS. AYRES: Oh, before?

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36 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Right, before the crash?

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38 MS. AYRES: It was a little bit less than that. I
39 think 325 was the high that they

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41 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: I thought I had much different
42 numbers.

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44 MR. GRIEST: Compared to 260? 260, 240?

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46 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: I thought it was a bigger number
47 than that.

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MR. GRIEST: It was a high of

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: More than half a million I think.

MR. GRIEST: 600,000, that's just

MS. AYRES: I think right now it's clearly higher than it was before the crash that time.

MR. GRIEST: It is.

MR. SCHAEFFER: Under terms of

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Go ahead.

MS. DETWILER: I'm not sure if it's appropriate, if you have a motion on the table now for me to interject something, but what you might want to consider is thinking about a designated hunter proposal, and that might circumvent the concern of just having an open bag limit of 15 per day per person, which might cause some concern about wanton waste. But instead suggest or propose having it a designated harvest -- a designated hunter permit system for caribou up in this region. It would allow a person or a group of hunters to hunt or collect enough bag limits for the people in their family or whatever when they go out to more distant areas.

MR. GRIEST: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes, Bert?

MR. GRIEST: This wanton waste issues always gets thrown in our face, and I don't know, I remember when the wanton waste happened, it was the biologists that go ahold of the media, and they were, you know, kind of control -- I mean, trying to gain control by, you know, taking pictures and things like that. And I don't think there's that kind of wanton waste. I mean, they're the ones that started that -- kind of that issue in the first place. In fact then they start going to the villages and they start telling everybody that they're going to close it, period, and everybody got real, "wow, you know, we've got to go out there and get as many as we can hardly (ph) catch." They left some out, you know, when they got ten or something like that. Took five home and then they're going to go back and get the other ones, something happened, and in several cases -- a couple of cases like that that I know of anyway, they took pictures of the ones that were left. They got picked up anyway. But still they are saying, "hey, there's wanton waste happening," so I think that the

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wanton waste issue is overblown. And I don't think we should base it on fear of what somebody's going to say and point the finger at me and say, "You should act this way, because, you know, I think you should." I don't like that idea.

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5 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Any other discussions?

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7 MR. SCHAEFFER: Yeah.

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9 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes, Pete?

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11 MR. SCHAEFFER: I think technical violation has always been a problem, and, you know, when we did that study back in 1986, we pointed out a number of them that were a problem. And in a reflection of what Bert just said about wanton waste, I believe that the opportunity and the perceived notion that if you dink with the number that the likelihood it will rise accordingly, I think again flies in the face of, you know, people, regardless of what culture you're from.

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20 So I think the other part of that proposal is that it attempts to anticipate human behaviors at some point, but in fact regulatory systems, particularly ones dealing with Native people are very difficult to do.

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25 But I still think though that the technical violation issue is a real problem, and I would leave it to the judgment of a hunter to make a decision as to how many animals they need, and have the legal -- or regulation liberalized for them to do it.

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31 If it came to a point where we began to note a biological problem, I think this thing's not cast in concrete, and we can come back and revisit it. But I also anticipate that what's going to be happening in the next decade probably is going to be some real soul searching by managers in terms of regulatory schemes, as we pointed out in our document, that basically said that the system is sports hunting oriented, that's where it came from, and did not accommodate then the ways of Native people. And I believe that tribalizing regulations to some extent is going to happen. It just has to.

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42 And until we get there, I see no problem changing a number from five to 15, because I think that's much more likely to remove that cloud of guilt that's supposed to follow people found in the event that they commit a violation. And we have been doing it for so damn long that it's like second nature to us. And I think we ought to just try to deal with that, get rid of some of these.

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1 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: One quick question in regards to the
 2 paperwork process. Since this is in a motion form, and if this
 3 Council passes that motion, as far as the process for proposed
 4 changes, would then the Regional office handle the proposed
 5 changes?

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 7 MS. DETWILER: You mean in terms of coming up with the
 8 actual

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 10 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Right.

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 12 MS. DETWILER: proposal itself? The proposal is
 13 something that has to come from the Council, and Barbara can
 14 help you write up the proposal.

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 16 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. We'll do that then.

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 18 MR. SCHAEFFER: Okay.

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 20 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: We'll take care of that then.
 21 That's no problem.

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 23 MR. SCHAEFFER: Okay. Call for the question.

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 25 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: The question's been called for. All
 26 those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

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 28 IN UNISON: Aye.

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 30 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: All opposed?

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 32 (No opposing responses)

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 34 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: The motion carries.

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 36 Any other proposals and comments? Hearing none, we'll
 37 go to -- you're going to hit the annual report?

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 39 MR. SCHAEFFER: Yeah.

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 41 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Annual report.

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 43 MR. SCHAEFFER: Just very briefly, I think that the
 44 Regional Office responded in terms of the reply that's going to
 45 be coming out in terms of the past annual report that was done.
 46 And I think in terms of figuring out what to do next is
 47 basically just wait for the response and then reply accordingly
 48 whenever, somewhere down the road.

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1 We do have some significant issues that like she said
 2s like -- are policy issues that are not totally clear as to
 3 what the realm is that we're talking about. As we work toward
 4 clarification of that, if we ever get there, I think the annual
 5 report and its purpose to affect other agencies in terms of
 6 subsistence use I think will become clearer, because clearly
 7 some of this is out of the realm of one jurisdiction or
 8 another, and, you know, if we have sea mammals, one side, and
 9 if we have migratory birds on the other, and if we have this
 10 system in the middle, then I think it's very difficult to gauge
 11 where to go next until we have a little more water under the
 12 bridge as far as experience is concerned, so that's about all I
 13 wanted to say on the annual report.

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15 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Any questions or comments in regards
 16 the annual report?

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18 Barb, administrative items?

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20 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I don't have anything right, except
 21 for your travel next time. The next time we're traveling,
 22 which will be when we set the date is I'll be personally asking
 23 you who you're going -- who you prefer to travel with, and
 24 which aisle you prefer to sit with. That's the last paper that
 25 got, so I'll be contacting you Council members regarding
 26 that. Thanks.

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28 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Now, in regards to orientation of
 29 the new member, I think Bert's got a good idea of the -- what
 30 role this Council is, and how you've been appointed, and

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32 You know, Bert's not new in the ball game. He's an
 33 old, what do you call, in the system. Well, I better not say
 34 I guess. He's good at it, so he's -- I'm glad that he's
 35 part of the Council.

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37 Now, in regards to the expiration dates of the Council,
 38 what are we going to go -- how are we going to go through --
 39 we've got James Moto and Louie Commack, Junior, that was in the
 40 Council. I think from the past meetings maybe what we ought to
 41 do is ask Louie, see if he'd be willing to run for another
 42 term. If he isn't, then we need to find a process in regards
 43 getting a recommendation as to who might be interested and
 44 regards to the recommendation of an individual that they
 45 might recommend. And he also has a record of not being in the
 46 meetings when meetings have been called for. I think that
 47 justifiable to him in replacing Louie for -- to the Advisory
 48 Council. I hate to talk that way, but knowing his record, I

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think if we're going to be effective in what we do for the rural communities, then we need to find people that will make a difference and have a voice in the Council.

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4 Pete?

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6 MR. SCHAEFFER: As I understand it, this was a name
 7 selected from the upper Kobuk basin, so we basically have three
 8 villages that, you know, it would be appropriate perhaps to
 9 have their IRAs submit a name.

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11 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yeah. Okay.

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13 MR. SCHAEFFER: Since we pointed that out to some folks
 14 that it would be nice to do one time or another.

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16 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: What I will do is work with Barb and
 17 this maybe in regards to -- or with Barbara in regards to
 18 writing a letter to the Upper Kobuk IRA Councils in trying to
 19 get a name which we can submit in support for that member.

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21 Fred?

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23 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: I think you guys need to check the
 24 Administrative Process, because they're appointed by the
 25 Secretary of Interior, so I think he's the only one who can
 26 release that appointment.

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28 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Right. What I'm saying is, is that
 29 we'll write a letter to the IRA Council requesting that they
 30 give us a couple names in regards to who they'd like to see
 31 placing in the Council. Then from there we can make a
 32 commendation as to who we would like to see be placed on the
 33 Council.

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35 Raymond?

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37 MR. STONEY: Mr. Chairman, on these expirations, it
 38 says the year now. What's the dates on his expiration? Is
 39 that on the beginning of the year, or the end of the year or
 40 what?

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42 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: July 1st, June 30.

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44 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: July 1st.

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46 MR. STONEY: July 1st. Okay.

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48 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Uh-huh. Is that the fiscal?

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1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. Fiscal year,

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3 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yeah.

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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: July to June.

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7 And then for your information, all the other Councils
8 in the other regions are looking at the geographic
9 representation in -- on their Council, so you guys are looking
10 at it in the right direction. You guys do need someone from
11 the Upper Kobuk. And you guys have two from Selawik area, and
12 you guys have one from the Kiana/Lower Kobuk. And then
13 Kotzebue is represented well, so you guys do need one from the
14 Upper Kobuk villages.

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16 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Any comments? Hearing none, we will
17 I will work with Barbara in regards to the letter.

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19 Time and place of the next meeting. I understand we've
20 not enough dollars to go to Hawaii for a meeting I guess.

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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You guys have your six week calendar
23 that you guys can pick a date from. Barrow is probably meeting
24 the second or third week of February, if you guys could leave
25 that open.

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27 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Is there anything we need to act on
28 before February that you know about, Barb? Or

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30 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, just the ones that you guys will
31 have to deal with then are the proposals.

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33 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Thank you, Barb. When is Barrow
34 meeting?

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36 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Probably the second week, second or
37 third week of February.

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39 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Do you have any

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41 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You guys can have the first week, or
42 the last part, or -- I just can't be at two places at once.

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44 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: What's the wish of the Council as
45 sort of the tentative date?

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47 MR. SCHAEFFER: How about February 2?

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1 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: February 2?
2 MR. GRIEST: Two and three? In case two days.
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4 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Two and three? Okay.
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6 MR. SCHAEFFER: If there's enough business to justify
7 two days.
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9 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.
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11 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yeah.
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13 MR. SCHAEFFER: Just like this one is not
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15 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. February. Okay. February 2,
16 and we'll kind of set that as our next Advisory Council
17 meeting.
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19 MR. SCHAEFFER: Two and three?
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21 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Hmm?
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23 MR. SCHAEFFER: Two and three?
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25 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Two and three, yes. Nine o'clock.
26 Good enough?
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28 MR. STONEY: That's here in Kotzebue, right?
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30 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yeah, here in Kotzebue. Okay.
31 Comments? Any comments from the Council members?
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33 MR. STONEY: Yes, Mr. President, I know in the history
34 of sales (ph) of antlers from caribou, it has been closed for
35 quite some time now, but I still see some individuals, not
36 local, but do kill like a lot of antlers, and they cut them in
37 pieces of a foot long and ships thousands and thousands of
38 pounds of it. Where are they sending it to? Who's buying it?
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40 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: A good question. Who's making
41 aphrodisiac?
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43 MR. STONEY: It's still going some place.
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45 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: I don't know. Who's purchasing
46 horns?
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48 MR. STONEY: Last year they chartered a C-130 to go get
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it in Kiana, like chartering a plane. That's -- somebody's making money one way or another. Where they ship them to, I don't know.

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4 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Who? Charlie McLain?

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6 MR. STONEY: I don't know.

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8 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Oh, charter the plane, though. I thought you said Charlie McLain?

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11 MR. STONEY: Yeah, they charter -- right, they charter a plane.

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14 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: What's the story in regards to Park lands? What -- do you have people applying for -- I overheard some people talking this fall that some went somewhere hunting caribou to get the horns. Do you have any idea what?

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19 MR. GERHARD That doesn't ring a bell. It doesn't mean it's not happening, but

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22 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Well, a couple of people

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24 MS. DALLEMOLLE: Well, in park or monument lands, there wouldn't be

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27 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: On the Kobuk.

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29 MS. DALLEMOLLE: Well, there shouldn't be anything other than subsistence then.

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32 MR. F. ARMSTRONG: Check your rangers.

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34 MR. RAMOTH: Mr. Chairman?

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36 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes?

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38 MR. RAMOTH: When they were picking up horns from -- in Kiana and Amber, we found too late that -- we tell them that there's anything -- any horns are not supposed to be taken out of the park. But we found too late that there's numerous kids out, and I think it was a good (ph) intended for kids' families to make a little money, because when you stop by on Kobuk River, we stopped by and we find a lot of horns and heads along the banks. When they spook animals from the river, they usually make effort to get away, and it's not safe for them to trample over those horns and heads and bones. And I think it was a good idea that the residents have cleaned up the area,

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and make it good, safe hunting for them, and the animals, didn't have that hazard any more. Just a comment that I wanted to make also.

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4 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Any other comments?

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6 MR. SCHAEFFER: I think National Park had some projects they wanted to described.

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9 MS. DALLEMOLLE: I had one item that I that I just --
 10 information item I wanted to bring to the attention of the
 11 Council. This year the Park Service received some funding in
 12 cooperation with Fish and Game Subsistence to do some harvest
 13 information surveys, subsistence harvest information surveys
 14 at Bering Land Bridge. They're going to it in Shishmaref,
 15 Wales, and Deering. And I asked that we try and include Noatak
 16 with it also, since there are some issues on the moose and
 17 sheep and some other issues. Also, there was a survey that was
 18 done up there in the 1960s, and it was part of Project Chariot.
 19 Where this has been redone like in Kivalina, it showed that
 20 people are still equally as dependent on subsistence as they
 21 were 30 years ago, which was a very nice thing to be able to
 22 say. So I asked that we be able to include Noatak in this
 23 harvest survey.

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25 Now, the proposal is written, and the Park Service and
 26 Fish and Game have talked to folks in Shishmaref, Wales and
 27 Deering, where -- Bering Straits and the areas down there. I
 28 have just sent out the proposal here in this region, because we
 29 just have the revised one now. I will be contacting NANA, the
 30 Bureau, Noatak certainly, and Manillaq first of all to see
 31 their thoughts on it, secondly, if it is an acceptable thing to
 32 do, what questions any of those organizations might want to add
 33 to the survey, and for them to look specifically at every
 34 angle one of the questions that's going to be in there, and
 35 say it. We wouldn't proceed unless everything was acceptable
 36 everybody that's concerned. So we're just starting that
 37 process in this region. I'll be talking to you within the next
 38 two weeks, three weeks to see what everybody thinks about that.
 39 I just wanted you to be aware of it, too.

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41 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes?

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43 MR. ASHBY: Mr. Chairman, I had a question. On this,
 44 it on international land that you're talking about?

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46 MS. DALLEMOLLE: It's started out just -- no, not
 47 specifically. It started out as information that the National
 48 Monument on the Seward Peninsula, what if it were there. It's

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felt that the more information people have about how much use subsistence people make of the resources, the better it enables us to protect that use and say, maybe, shut the sport hunting off and keep the subsistence hunting going. It's a piece of information I think everybody's recognized would be nice to have, and we don't have much of it. But we certainly want to work totally with everybody on the questions. We won't do it unless everybody buys into it, and just wanted to let you know that that was going to be coming up, and I'll talk to you. I've got one them mailed to you, as I do to everybody else. We'll start talking about it in the next week or so. But it would be done utilizing local hire people to do the surveys.

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13 MR. ASHBY: My reason for questioning here is if we get into anything with the whole national park/international park, there's going to be no hunting completely. That's something that we have to be really aware of.

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18 MS. DALLEMOLLE: No, it doesn't have anything to do with that.

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21 MR. SCHAEFFER: I think the Bridge is a different subject altogether, and I don't know whether it would have any management implications. Probably not.

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25 I spoke to Bob briefly earlier, and he mentioned that the Russian side has basically told their people to go ahead in their part of the park, but we've still got lots of work to do on our end. So that's kind of on-going, but it's not there yet.

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31 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes, John?

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33 MR. BORBRIDGE: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, the last time I was here, the Claims Settlement Act was not yet law, and I had a guide, Willie Hensley, who took me on a tour of Kotzebue when I was working for the Indian Health Service. And we walked through the community then. Of course, we can't do that any more. It's too wide spread. But it's encouraging to see the tremendous growth, and to see the hotel that belongs to a Claims Settlement Act corporation, and to see homes going up, and to see the steady expansion.

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43 I realize that any community that expands is always concerned about its subsistence lifestyle, but I also have read and heard that you're also dealing with that in your various planning processes.

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48 So while this modern age moves on us, there's still

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time I feel for the tribal courtesies in which when one of us is of a different tribe, and we come into your home, we express our appreciation and we tell you thank you for allowing us to come in. And we tell you how much we have enjoyed your home country. And I frankly have learned a great deal in the process.

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7 I think one of the best things that happened was when I decided I'd better be careful, as I told some of you, about getting so comfortable in some of the urban communities that I would stay in the urban communities while I would become a subsistence expert. And, of course, as we all realize that's not the way it's done, but sometimes that's the way it is tried.

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15 And so I am preparing to head back to Juneau where the rains are falling steadily, and as I told some of you, I kept saying to myself, you're going to an area where it is different. The weather is different, and you tell yourself up here, but you have to get out here and see people out on the boat fishing and see all the mountains and everything and the clear sky and see the snow on the ground. I enjoy the beauty and enjoy being up here. And I most assuredly promise you my next visit will not be 20 years hence.

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25 So thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity to work with all of you on the Council, and I look forward to continuing that relationship. Thanks.

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29 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: John, I want to thank you for coming to our meeting here in Kotzebue and taking time to listen to the concerns and issues that we have.

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33 And in regards to the Council, we're trying to make a shift in regards to changing the way we do things, and hopefully change the way they do things. What I'm saying is that we're becoming proactive, not reactive. In the past it's always been here's the documents, comment on them. What we're trying to do is we're trying to work it to where we have our input into the system rather than them telling us how to do things. We're trying to change that to where the folks that are being impacted by these very regulations, we're trying to tell them, this is what we want, not they telling us this is what we're going to get. And that trend is going to -- that trend is going to continue.

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46 And you can see that at the community level. Having been -- worked for the regional corporation, I see that, because our people in the community are starting to make a

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shift in regards to telling the -- both the Federal and State agencies that we're getting tired of being told how to do things, and what to take. We're going to become proactive, and we're going to tell you what we want and what we need.

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5 And I think if the agencies can recognize that in order
6 to have an impact and be effective in what you're trying to do,
7 then we've got no choice but to get those folks involved in
8 through a process. That way, any plans that are being done,
9 people will feel ownership of those plans, and will a respect
10 on what they're trying to do. In the past it's always been a
11 hand-me-down thing, and you know how things work. People just
12 don't give a hoot about those plans. But anytime you start
13 involving people in through a plan process, then people will
14 respect that plan more than they would a hand-me-down type.

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16 So we're trying to make a shift in that manner. And
17 it's looking positive. NANA has been -- along with the Borough
18 and Manillaq's been going through a lot of training process in
19 trying to make what we call a paradyne (ph) shift. Sure,
20 there's going to be some folks that are going to continue to
21 try to do things the old way, but in order to meet and be up
22 where others are, then we'll have no choice but also to make
23 that change. And we're in a competitive world, and we need to
24 start competing. And in order to do that, then we've really
25 got no choice but to make that change.

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27 And that's why you will see a lot of proactive folks at
28 the community level, and I think that's good. There's also
29 those folks that are going to sit back and watch, maybe
30 referring to a certain point, but we try to get away from that
31 system to where the agencies come in with certain things and
32 saying this is how things are going to be done, but rather
33 we're trying to make that turn around. And I think in order to
34 make that, then we all need to work together to make that
35 shift.

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37 And you can see the difference that is -- or that
38 change that is being made at the Federal level. John was at
39 that EPA meeting prior to AFN conference. And I was really
40 surprised. The agency, EPA, really willing to go and working
41 with -- at the community level, and you can see that shift,
42 especially dealing with government-to-government deals. So
43 it's good to see that type of shift in their minds. And I
44 think it's only fair to our people that we represent that we
45 get together and work on issues that we need to change.

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47 So with that, I want to thank John again for coming to
48 Northwest Arctic Borough -- or to NANA region. The door's

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always open. When you need to, and feel that you need to come, feel free to show up any time anywhere our meetings are being held. And we have -- always have that policy of open door where you don't need to make any reservations to come in and to discuss issues. Just pop in when you need to, and we're open.

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6 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chairman, I just

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8 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Yes?

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10 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: wanted to thank you for allowing us to be here today. And this is the first Northwest Arctic meeting I've been able to come to. Last time I spent the day in a plane, and this was certainly much more enjoyable than being in airports and in a plane all day.

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16 I also wanted to say that Steve Kovach who is our staff biologist for the region wasn't able to come because he got sick.

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20 Steve, and Barb and I make up the region -- the team for the region, and I wanted to make sure that if anybody ever has any questions for us, you know, to please feel free to call. We're here to -- that's our job, to be support staff to you, and to help you in any way we can. Steve can answer biological questions, I'm an anthropologist, and I can work on, 26 you know, whatever issues it might be, we're here to support you in any way, that's what we're to do. So, you know, please feel free to call any time.

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30 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Thanks. Barb, do you have anything?

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32 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, I don't. Thanks.

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34 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Okay. Anybody else? Hearing none, we're down to adjournment.

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37 MR. SCHAEFFER: I object.

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39 (Laughter)

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41 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: There's an objection. Well, we've got till -- is there a motion for adjournment?

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44 MR. GRIEST: So move.

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46 CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: There's a motion. Is there a second?

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MR. MOTO: second.

CHAIRMAN SAMPSON: Second. All those in favor?

IN UNISON: Aye.

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